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- (54) **GENES ENCODING TELOMERASE PROTEIN 1**
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Disclosed are nucleic acid molecules encoding polypeptides that specifically bind telomerase RNA. Also disclosed are methods of preparing the nucleic acid molecules and polypeptides, and methods of using these molecules.

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FIGURE 1A

ATGGAAAACTCCATGGGCATGTGTCTGCCCATCCAGACATCCTCTCCT
TGGAGAACCGGTGCCTGGCTATGCTCCCTGACTTACAGCCCTTGGAGAA
ACTACATCAGCATGTATCTACCCACTCAGATATCCTCTCCTTGAAGAAC
CAGTGCCTAGCCACGCTTCCTGACCTGAAGACCATGGAAAAACCACATG
GATATGTGTCTGCCACCCAGACATCCTCTCCTTGGAGAACCAGTGCCT
GGCCACACTTTCTGACCTGAAGACCATGGAGAAACCACATGGACATGTT
TCTGCCACCCAGACATCCTCTCCTTGGAGAACCGGTGCCTGGCCACCC
TCCCTAGTCTAAAGAGCACTGTGTCTGCCAGCCCCTTGTTCCAGAGTCT
ACAGATATCTCACATGACGCAAGCTGATTTGTACCGTGTGAACAACAGC
AATTGCCTGCTCTCTGAGCCTCCAAGTTGGAGGGCTCAGCATTTCTCTA
AGGGACTAGACCTTTCAACCTGCCCTATAGCCCTGAAATCCATCTCTGC
CACAGAGACAGCTCAGGAAGCAACTTTGGGTCGTTGGTTTGATTCAGAA
GAGAAGAAAGGGGCAGAGACCCAAATGCCTTCTTATAGTCTGAGCTTGG
GAGAGGAGGAGGAGGTGGAGGATCTGGCCGTGAAGCTCACCTCTGGAGA
CTCTGAATCTCATCCAGAGCCTACTGACCATGTCCTTCAGGAAAAGAAG
ATGGCTCTACTGAGCTTGCTGTGCTCTACTCTGGTCTCAGAAGTAAACA
TGAACAATACATCTGACCCCACCCTGGCTGCCATTTTTGAAATCTGTCTG
TGAACTTGCCCTCCTGGAGCCTGAGTTTATCCTCAAGGCATCTTTGTAT
GCCAGGCAGCAGCTGAACGTCCGGAATGTGGCCAATAACATCTTGGCCA

FIGURE 1B

TTGCTGCTTTCTTGCCGGCGTGTCGCCCCACCTGCGACGATATTTCTG
TGCCATTGTCCAGCTGCCTTCTGACTGGATCCAGGTGGCTGAGCTTAC
CAGAGCCTGGCTGAGGGAGATAAGAATAAGCTGGTGCCCCCTGCCCGCCT
GTCTCCGTACTGCCATGACGGACAAATTTGCCCAGTTTGACGAGTACCA
GCTGGCTAAGTACAACCCTCGGAAGCACCGGGCCAAGAGACACCCCCGC
CGGCCACCCCGCTCTCCAGGGATGGAGCCTCCATTTTCTCACAGATGTT
TTCCAAGGTACATAGGGTTTCTCAGAGAAGAGCAGAGAAAGTTTGAGAA
GGCCGGTGATACAGTGTCAGAGAAAAAGAATCCTCCAAGGTTCCACCCTG
AAGAAGCTGGTTCAGCGACTGCACATCCACAAGCCTGCCCAGCACGTTTC
AAGCCCTGCTGGGTTACAGATACCCCTCCAACCTACAGCTCTTTTCTCG
AAGTCGCCTTCCTGGGCCTTGGGATTCTAGCAGAGCTGGGAAGAGGATG
AAGCTGTCTAGGCCAGAGACCTGGGAGCGGGAGCTGAGCCTACGGGGGA
ACAAAGCGTCGGTCTGGGAGGAACTCATTGAAAATGGGAAGCTTCCCTT
CATGGCCATGCTTCGGAACCTGTGCAACCTGCTGCGGGTTGGAATCAGT
TCCCGCCACCATGAGCTCATTCTCCAGAGACTCCAGCATGGGAAGTCGG
TGATCCACAGTCGGCAGTTTCCATTCAGATTTCTTAACGCCCATGATGC
CATTGATGCCCTCGAGGCTCAACTCAGAAATCAAGCATTGCCCTTTCCT
TCGAATATAACACTGATGAGGCGGATACTAACTAGAAATGAAAAGAACC
GTCCCAGGCGGAGGTTTCTTTGCCACCTAAGCCGTCAGCAGCTTCGTAT

FIGURE 1C

GGCAATGAGGATACCTGTGTTGTATGAGCAGCTCAAGAGGGAGAAGCTG
AGAGTACACAAGGCCAGACAGTGGAAATATGATGGTGAGATGCTGAACA
GGTACCGACAGGCCCTAGAGACAGCTGTGAACCTCTCTGTGAAGCACAG
CCTGCCCCTGCTGCCAGGCCGCACTGTCTTGGTCTATCTGACAGATGCT
AATGCAGACAGGCTCTGTCCAAAGAGCAACCCACAAGGGCCCCCGCTGA
ACTATGCACTGCTGTTGATTGGGATGATGATCACGAGGGCGGAGCAGGT
GGACGTCGTGCTGTGTGGAGGTGACACTCTGAAGACTGCAGTGCTTAAG
GCAGAAGAAGGCATCCTGAAGACTGCCATCAAGCTCCAGGCTCAAGTCC
AGGAGTTTGATGAAAATGATGGATGGTCCCTGAATACTTTTGGGAAATA
CCTGCTGTCTCTGGCTGGCCAAAGGGTTCCTGTGGACAGGGTCATCCTC
CTTGGCCAAAGCATGGATGATGGAATGATAAATGTGGCCAAACAGCTTT
ACTGGCAGCGTGTGAATTCCAAGTGCCTCTTTGTTGGTATCCTCCTAAG
AAGGGTACAATACCTGTCAACAGATTTGAATCCCAATGATGTGACACTC
TCAGGCTGTACTGATGCGATACTGAAGTTCATTGCAGAGCATGGGGCCT
CCCATCTTCTGGAACATGTGGGCCAAATGGACAAAATATTCAAGATTCC
ACCACCCCCAGGAAAGACAGGGGTCCAGTCTCTCCGGCCACTGGAAGAG
GACACTCCAAGCCCCTTGGCTCCTGTTTCCCAGCAAGGATGGCGCAGCA
TCCGGCTTTTTCATTTTCATCCACTTTCCGAGACATGCACGGGGAGCGGGA
CCTGCTGCTGAGGTCTGTGCTGCCAGCACTGCAGGCCCGAGCGGCCCT

FIGURE 1D

CACCGTATCAGCCTTCACGGAATCGACCTCCGCTGGGGCGTCACTGAGG
AGGAGACCCGTAGGAACAGACAACCTGGAAGTGTGCCTTGGGGAGGTGGA
GAACGCACAGCTGTTTGTGGGGATTCTGGGCTCCCGTTATGGATACATT
CCCCCCAGCTACAACCTTCCTGACCATCCACACTTCCACTGGGCCAGC
AGTACCCTTCAGGGCGCTCTGTGACAGAGATGGAGGTGATGCAGTTCCT
GAACCGGAACCAACGTCTGCAGCCCTCTGCCCAAGCTCTCATCTACTTC
CGGGATTCCAGCTTCCTCAGCTCTGTGCCAGATGCCTGGAAATCTGACT
TTGTTTCTGAGTCTGAAGAGGCCGCATGTCGGATCTCAGAACTGAAGAG
CTACCTAAGCAGACAGAAAGGGATAACCTGCCGCAGATACCCCTGTGAG
TGGGGGGGTGTGGCAGCTGGCCGGCCCTATGTTGGCGGGCTGGAGGAGT
TTGGGCAGTTGGTTCTGCAGGATGTATGGAATATGATCCAGAAGCTCTA
CCTGCAGCCTGGGGCCCTGCTGGAGCAGCCAGTGTCCATCCCAGACGAT
GACTTGGTCCAGGCCACCTTCCAGCAGCTGCAGAAGCCACCGAGTCCTG
CCCGGCCACGCCTTCTTCAGGACACAGTGCAACAGCTGATGCTGCCCA
CGGAAGGCTGAGCCTGGTGACGGGGCAGTCAGGACAGGGCAAGACAGCC
TTCCTGGCATCTCTTGTGTCAGCCCTGCAGGCTCCTGATGGGGCCAAGG
TGGCACCATTAGTCTTCTTCCACTTTTCTGGGGCTCGTCCTGACCAGGG
TCTTGCCCTCACTCTGCTCAGACGCCTCTGTACCTATCTGCGTGGCCAA
CTAAAAGAGCCAGGTGCCCTCCCCAGCACCTACCGAAGCCTGGTGTGGG

FIGURE 1E

AGCTGCAGCAGAGGCTGCTGCCCAAGTCTGCTGAGTCCCTGCATCCTGG
CCAGACCCAGGTCCTGATCATCGATGGGGCTGATAGGTTAGTGGACCAG
AATGGGCAGCTGATTTTCAGACTGGATCCCAAAGAAGCTTCCCCGGTGTG
TACACCTGGTGCTGAGTGTGTCTAGTGATGCAGGCCTAGGGGAGACCCT
TGAGCAGAGCCAGGGTGCCACGTGCTGGCCTTGGGGCCTCTGGAGGCC
TCTGCTCGGGCCCGGCTGGTGAGAGAGGAGCTGGCCCTGTACGGGAAGC
GGCTGGAGGAGTCACCATTTAACAACCAGATGCGACTGCTGCTGGTGAA
GCGGGAATCAGGCCGGCCGCTCTACCTGCGCTTGGTCACCGATCACCTG
AGGCTCTTCACGCTGTATGAGCAGGTGTCTGAGAGACTCCGGACCCTGC
CTGCCACTGTCCCCCTGCTGCTGCAGCACATCCTGAGCACACTGGAGAA
GGAGCACGGGCCTGATGTCCTTCCCCAGGCCTTGACTGCCCTAGAAGTC
ACACGGAGTGGTTTGACTGTGGACCAGCTGCACGGAGTGCTGAGTGTGT
GGCGGACACTACCGAAGGGGACTAAGAGCTGGGAAGAAGCAGTGGCTGC
TGGTAACAGTGGAGACCCCTACCCCATGGGCCCCTTGCCTGCCTCGTC
CAGAGTCTGCGCAGTTTGCTAGGGGAGGGCCCTCTGGAGCGCCCTGGTG
CCCGGCTGTGCCTCCCTGATGGGCCCCTGAGAACAGCAGCTAAACGTTG
CTATGGGAAGAGGCCAGGGCTAGAGGACACGGCACACATCCTCATTGCA
GCTCAGCTCTGGAAGACATGTGACGCTGATGCCTCAGGCACCTTCCGAA
GTTGCCCTCCTGAGGCTCTGGGAGACCTGCCTTACCACCTGCTCCAGAG

FIGURE 1F

CGGGAACCGTGGACTTCTTTTCGAAGTTCCTTACCAACCTCCATGTGGTG
GCTGCACACTTGGAATTGGGTCTGGTCTCTCGGCTCTTGGAGGCCCATG
CCCTCTATGCTTCTTCAGTCCCCAAAGAGGAACAAAAGCTCCCCGAGGC
TGACGTTGCAGTGTTTCGCACCTTCCTGAGGCAGCAGGCTTCAATCCTC
AGCCAGTACCCCCGGCTCCTGCCCCAGCAGGCAGCCAACCAGCCCCTGG
ACTCACCTCTTTGCCACCAAGCCTCGCTGCTCTCCCGGAGATGGCACCT
CCAACACACACTACGATGGCTTAATAAACCCCGGACCATGAAAAATCAG
CAAAGCTCCAGCCTGTCTCTGGCAGTTTCCTCATCCCCTACTGCTGTGG
CCTTCTCCACCAATGGGCAAAGAGCAGCTGTGGGCACTGCCAATGGGAC
AGTTTACCTGTTGGACCTGAGAACTTGGCAGGAGGAGAAGTCTGTGGTG
AGTGGCTGTGATGGAATCTCTGCTTGTTTGTTTCCTCTCCGATGATACAC
TCTTTCTTACTGCCTTCGACGGGCTCCTGGAGCTCTGGGACCTGCAGCA
TGGTTGTCGGGTGCTGCAGACTAAGGCTCACCAGTACCAAATCACTGGC
TGCTGCCTGAGCCCAGACTGCCGGCTGCTAGCCACCGTGTGCTTGGGAG
GATGCCTAAAGCTGTGGGACACAGTCCGTGGGCAGCTGGCCTTCCAGCA
CACCTACCCCAAGTCCCTGAACTGTGTTGCCTTCCACCCAGAGGGGCAG
GTAATAGCCACAGGCAGCTGGGCTGGCAGCATCAGCTTCTTCCAGGTGG
ATGGGCTCAAAGTCACCAAGGACCTGGGGGCACCCGGAGCCTCTATCCG
TACCTTGGCCTTCAATGTGCCTGGGGGGGTTGTGGCTGTGGGCCGGCTG

FIGURE 1G

GACAGTATGGTGGAGCTGTGGGCCTGGCGAGAAGGGGCACGGCTGGCTG
CCTTCCCTGCCCACCATGGCTTTGTTGCTGCTGCGCTTTTCCTGCATGC
GGGTTGCCAGTTACTGACGGCTGGAGAGGATGGCAAGGTTTCAGGTGTGG
TCAGGGTCTCTGGGTTCGGCCCCGTGGGCACCTGGGTTCCTTTCTCTCT
CTCCTGCCCTCTCTGTGGCACTCAGCCCAGATGGTGATCGGGTGGCTGT
TGGATATCGAGCGGATGGCATTAGGATCTACAAAATCTCTTCAGGTTC
CAGGGGGCTCAGGGTCAGGCACTGGATGTGGCAGTGTCCGCCCTGGCCT
GGCTAAGCCCCAAGGTATTGGTGAGTGGTGCAGAAGATGGGTCCTTGCA
GGGCTGGGCACTCAAGGAATGCTCCCTTCAGTCCCTCTGGCTCCTGTCC
AGATTCCAGAAGCCTGTGCTAGGACTGGCCACTTCCCAGGAGCTCTTGG
CTTCTGCCTCAGAGGATTTACAGTGCAGCTGTGGCCAAGGCAGCTGCT
GACGCGGCCACACAAGGCAGAAGACTTTCCTGTGGCACTGAGCTGCGG
GGACATGAGGGCCCTGTGAGCTGCTGTAGTTTCAGCACTGATGGAGGCA
GCCTGGCCACCGGGGGCCGGGATCGGAGTCTCCTCTGCTGGGACGTGAG
GACACCCAAAACCCCTGTTTTGATCCACTCCTTCCCTGCCTGTCACCGT
GACTGGGTCACTGGCTGTGCCTGGACCAAAGATAACCTACTGATATCCT
GCTCCAGTGATGGCTCTGTGGGGCTCTGGGACCCAGAGTCAGGACAGCG
GCTTGGTCAGTTCCTGGGTCATCAGAGTGCTGTGAGCGCTGTGGCAGCT
GTGGAGGAGCACGTGGTGTCTGTGAGCCGGGATGGGACCTTGAAAGTGT

FIGURE 1H

GGGACCATCAAGGCGTGGAGCTGACCAGCATCCCTGCTCACTCAGGACC
CATTAGCCACTGTGCAGCTGCCATGGAGCCCCGTGCAGCTGGACAGCCT
GGGTCAGAGCTTCTGGTGGTAACCGTCGGGCTAGATGGGGCCACACGGT
TATGGCATCCACTCTTGGTGTGCCAAACCCACACCCTCCTGGGACACAG
CGGCCCAGTCCGTGCTGCTGCTGTTTCAGAAACCTCAGGCCTCATGCTG
ACCGCCTCTGAGGATGGTTCTGTACGGCTCTGGCAGGTTCTTAAGGAAG
CAGATGACACATGTATACCAAGGAGTTCTGCAGCCGTCACTGCTGTGGC
TTGGGCACCAGATGGTTCCATGGCAGTATCTGGAAATCAAGCTGGGGAA
CTAATCTTGTGGCAGGAAGCTAAGGCTGTGGCCACAGCACAGGCTCCAG
GCCACATTGGTGCTCTGATCTGGTCCTCGGCACACACCTTTTTTTGTCCT
CAGTGCTGATGAGAAAATCAGCGAGTGGCAAGTGAAACTGCGGAAGGGT
TCGGCACCCGGAAATTTGAGTCTTCACCTGAACCGAATTCTACAGGAGG
ACTTAGGGGTGCTGACAAGTCTGGATTGGGCTCCTGATGGTCACTTTCT
CATCTTGGCCAAAGCAGATTTGAAGTTACTTTGCATGAAGCCAGGGGAT
GCTCCATCTGAAATCTGGAGCAGCTATACAGAAAATCCTATGATATTGT
CCACCCACAAGGAGTATGGCATATTTGTCCTGCAGCCCAAGGATCCTGG
AGTTCTTTCTTTCTTGAGGCAAAGGAATCAGGAGAGTTTGAAGAGAGG
CTGAACTTTGATATAAACTTAGAGAATCCTAGTAGGACCCTAATATCGA
TAACTCAAGCCAAACCTGAATCTGAGTCCTCATTTTTTGTGTGCCAGCTC

FIGURE 1I

TGATGGGATCCTATGGAACCTGGCCAAATGCAGCCAGGAAGGAGAATGG
ACCACAGGTAACATGTGGCAGAAAAAAGCAAACACTCCAGAAACCCAAA
CTCCAGGGACAGACCCATCTACCTGCAGGGAATCTGATGCCAGCATGGA
TAGTGATGCCAGCATGGATAGTGAGCCAACACCACATCTAAAGACACGG
CAGCGTAGAAAGATTCACTCGGGCTCTGTTCACAGCCCTCCATGTGCTAC
CTGAGTTGCTGGTGACAGCTTCGAAGGACAGAGATGTTAAGCTATGGGA
GAGACCCAGTATGCAGCTGCTGGGCCTGTTCCGATGCGAAGGGTCAGTG
AGCTGCCTGGAACCTTGGCTGGGCGCTAACTCCACCCTGCAGCTTGCCG
TGGGAGACGTGCAGGGCAATGTGTACTTTCTGAATTGGGAA

FIGURE 2A

ATGGAGAAGCTCTGTGGGCATGTGCCTGGCCATTCAGACATCCTCTCCT
TGAAGAACCGGTGCCTGACCATGCTCCCTGACCTCCAGCCCCTGGAGAA
AATACATGGACATAGATCTGTCCACTCAGACATCCTTTCCTTGGAGAAC
CAGTGTCTGACCATGCTCTCTGACCTCCAGCCCACGGAGAGAATAGATG
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GACCATGCTCCCTGACCTCCAGCCTCTGGAGAAGCTATGTGGACATATG
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TCCCCACTGTAAAGAGCACTGCATTGACCAGCCCCTTGCTCCAGGGTCT
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AACTGCCTGCTCCCTGAGCTTCCTACCAAGAAGACTCCATGTTTCTCTG
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TACAGCTCAAGTCCAGGAAGTAGCCTTGGGTCAATGGTGTGTCTCCAAA
GAAAAGGAATTTCAAGAAGAAGAAAGCACAGAAGTCCCRATGCCTTTGT
ACAGTCTAAGCTTGGGAAGAAGAAGAGTGGAGGCACCGGTCTTAAAACCT
CACATCTGGAGACTCTGGCTTTCATCCTGAAACCACTGACCAGGTCCTT
CAGGAGAAGAAGATGGCTCTCTTGACCTTACTCTGCTCTGCTCTGGCCT
CAAATGTGAATGTGAAAGATGCATCTGACCTTACCCGGGCATCCATCCT
TGAAGTCTGTAGTGCCCTGGCCTCCTTGGAAACCGGAGTTCATCCTTAAG
GCATCTTTGTATGCTCGGCAGCAACTTAACCTCCGGGACATCGCCAATA

FIGURE 2B

CAGTTCTGGCTGTGGCTGCCCTCTTGCCAGCCTGCCGCCCCCATGTACG
ACGGTATTACTCCGCCATTGTTACCTGCCTTCAGACTGGATCCAGGTA
GCCGAGTTCTACCAGAGCCTGGCAGAAGGGGATGAGAAGAAGTTGGTGT
CCCTGCCTGCCTGTCTCCGAGCTGCCATGACCGACAAATTTGCCGAGTT
TGATGAGTACCAGCTAGCTAAGTACAACCCACGGAAACATCGGTCCAAG
AGGCGGTCCCGCCAGCCACCCCGCCCTCAAAAGACAGAACGTCCATTTT
CAGAGAGAGGGAAATGTTTTCCAAAGAGCCTTTGGCCCCTTAAAAATGA
ACAGATTACGTTTGAAGCAGCTTATAATGCAATGCCAGAGAAAAACAGG
CTACCACGGTTCACTCTGAAGAAGTTGGTAGAGTATCTACATATCCACA
AGCCTGCTCAGCACGTCCAGGCCCTGCTGGGCTACAGGTACCCAGCCAC
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AGAGCTGGTCAGCGGATGAAGCTCCGAAGGCCAGAGACCTGGGAGCGGG
AGCTGAGTTTACGGGGAAACAAAGCTTCTGTGTGGGAGGAGCTCATAGA
CAATGGGAAACTGCCCTTCATGGCCATGCTCCGGAACCTGTGTAACCTG
CTGCGGACTGGGATCAGTGCCCGCCACCATGAACTCGTTCTCCAGAGAC
TCCAGCATGAGAAATCTGTGGTTCACAGTCGGCAGTTTCCATTCAGATT
CCTTAATGCTCATGACTCTATCGATAAACTTGAGGCTCAGCTCAGAAGC
AAAGCATCACCTTCCCTTCCAATACAACATTGATGAAACGGATAATGA
TTAGAAACTCAAAAAAAAAAATAGGAGGCCTGCCAGTCGGAAGCACCTGTG

FIGURE 2C

CACCCTGACGCGCCGGCAGCTTCGGGCAGCAATGACTATACTGTGATG
TATGAGCAGCTCAAGCGGGAGAACTGAGGCTGCACAAGGCCAGACAAT
GGAAGTGTGATGTTGAGTTGCTGGAGCGCTATCGCCAGGCCCTGGAAAC
AGCTGTGAACCTCTCAGTAAAGCACAACTATCCCCGATGCCTGGCCGA
ACCCTCTTGGTCTATCTCACAGATGCAAATGCCGACAGGCTCTGTCCCA
AGAGTCACTCACAAAGGGCCTCCCCTGAACTATGTGCTGCTGCTGATCGG
AATGATGGTGGCTCGAGCCGAGCAAGTGACTGTTTGCTTGTGTGGGGGA
GGATTTGTGAAGACACCGGTACTTACAGCCGATGAAGGCATCCTGAAGA
CTGCCATCAAACCTTCAGGCTCAAGTCCAGGAGTTAGAAGGCAATGATGA
GTGGCCCCTGGACACTTTTGGGAAGTATCTGCTGTCTCTGGCTGTCCAA
AGGACCCCCATTGACAGGGTCATCCTGTTTGGTCAAAGGATGGATACCG
AGCTCCTGAAAGTAGCCAAACAGATTATCTGGCAGCATGTGAATTCCAA
GTGCCTCTTTGTTGGTGTCTCTCTACAGAAAACACAGTACATATCACCA
AATTTGAATCCCAACGATGTGACGCTCTCAGGCTGCACTGACGGGATCC
TGAAATTCATTGCCGAACATGGAGCCTCTCGTCTCCTGGAACATGTGGG
ACAAGTAGATAAACTATTCAAGATCCCCCACCACCAGGAAAGACACAG
GCACCGTCTCTCCGGCCGCTGGAGGAGAACATCCCTGGTCCCTTGGGTC
CTATTTCCCAGCATGGATGGCGCAATATCCGGCTTTTTCATTTTCATCCAC
TTTCCGTGACATGCATGGGGAGCGAGATTTGCTGATGAGATCTGTTCTG

FIGURE 2D

CCCGCACTGCAGGCCAGAGTGTTCCCCACCGCATCAGTCTTCACGCCA
TTGACCTGCGCTGGGGTATCACAGAGGAAGAGACCCGCAGGAACAGACA
ACTGGAAGTGTGCCTTGGGGAGGTGGAGAACTCACAGCTGTTTCGTGGGG
ATTCTGGGCTCCCGCTATGGCTACATTCCCCCAGCTATGATCTTCCTG
ATCATCCCCACTTTCACTGGACCCATGAGTACCCTTCAGGGCGATCCGT
GACAGAGATGGAGGTGATGCAATTCCTGAACCGTGGCCAACGCTCGCAG
CCTTCGGCCCAAGCTCTCATCTACTTCCGAGATCCTGATTTCTTAGCT
CTGTGCCAGATGCCTGGAAACCTGACTTTATATCTGAGTCAGAAGAAGC
TGCACATCGGGTCTCAGAGCTGAAGAGATATCTACACGAACAGAAAGAG
GTTACCTGTTCGCAGCTACTCCTGTGAATGGGGAGGTGTAGCGGCTGGCC
GGCCCTATACTGGGGGCCTGGAGGAGTTTGGACAGTTGGTTCTCCAGGA
TGTGTGGAGCATGATCCAGAAGCAGCACCTGCAGCCTGGGGCCCAGTTG
GAGCAGCCAACATCCATCTCAGAAGACGATTTGATCCAGACCAGCTTTC
AGCAGCTGAAGACCCCAACGAGTCCGGCACGGCCACGCCTTCTTCAGGA
TACAGTGCAGCAGCTGTTGCTGCCCCATGGGAGGCTGAGCCTAGTGACT
GGGCAGGCAGGACAGGGAAAGACTGCCTTTCTGGCATCCCTTGTGTCTG
CCCTGAAGGTCCCTGACCAGCCCAATGAGCCCCCGTTCGTTTTCTTCCA
CTTTGCAGCAGCCCGCCCTGACCAGTGTCTTGCTCTCAACCTCCTCAGA
CGCCTCTGTACCCATCTGCGTCAAAAACCTGGGAGAGCTGAGTGCCCTCC

FIGURE 2E

CCAGCACTTACAGAGGCCTGGTGTGGGAACTGCAGCAGAAGTTGCTCCT
CAAATTCGCTCAGTCGCTGCAGCCTGCTCAGACTTTGGTCCTTATCATC
GATGGGGCAGATAAGTTGGTGGATCGTAATGGGCAGCTGATTTTCAGACT
GGATCCCCAAGTCTCTTCCGCGGCGAGTACACCTGGTGCTGAGTGTGTC
CAGTGACTCAGGCCTGGGTGAGACCCTTCAGCAAAGTCAGGGTGCTTAT
GTGGTGGCCTTGGGCTCTTTGGTCCCATCTTCAAGGGCTCAGCTTGTGA
GAGAAGAGCTAGCACTGTATGGGAAACGACTGGAGGAGTCACCTTTTAA
CAACCAGATGCGGCTGCTGCTGGCAAAGCAGGGTTCAAGCCTGCCATTG
TACCTGCACCTTGTCACTGACTACCTGAGGCTCTTCACACTGTATGAAC
AGGTGTCTGAGAGACTTCGAACCCTGCCCCGCCACTCTCCCCTGCTCTT
GCAGCACATCCTGAGCACCTTGGAGCAAGAACATGGCCATGATGTCCTT
CCTCAGGCTTTGACTGCCCTTGAGGTCACACGAAGTGGTCTGACTGTGG
ACCAGCTACATGCAATCCTGAGCACATGGCTGATCTTGCCCAAGGAGAC
TAAGAGCTGGGAAGAAGTGCTGGCTGCCAGTCACAGTGGAAACCCTTTC
CCCTTGTTGTCATTGCTTGCCTACCTTGTTCCAGAGTCTACGCAGTTTACTAG
GGGAGGGCCCAGTGGAGCGCCCTGGTGCCCGTCTCTGCCTCTCTGATGG
GCCCTGAGGACAACAATTAACGTCGCTATGGGAAAAGGCTGGGGCTA
GAGAAGACTGCGCATGTCCTCATTGCAGCTCACCTCTGGAAGACGTGTG
ATCCTGATGCCTCGGGCACCTTCCGAAGTTGCCCTCCTGAGGCTCTGAA

FIGURE 2F

AGATTTACCTTACCACCTGCTCCAGAGCGGGAACCATGGTCTCCTTGCC
GAGTTTCTTACCAATCTCCATGTGGTTGCTGCATATCTGGAAGTGGGTC
TAGTCCCCGACCTCTTGGAGGCTCATGTGCTCTATGCTTCTTCAAAGCC
TGAAGCCAACCAGAAGCTCCCAGCGGCAGATGTTGCTGTTTTCCATACC
TTCCTGAGACAACAGGCTTCACTCCTTACCCAGTATCCTTTGCTCCTGC
TCCAGCAGGCAGCTAGCCAGCCTGAAGAGTCACCTGTTTGCTGCCAGGC
CCCCCTGCTCACCCAGCGATGGCACGACCAGTTCACACTGAAATGGATT
AATAAACCCCAGACCCTGAAGGGTCAGCAAAGCTTGTCTCTGACAATGT
CCTCATCCCCAACTGCTGTGGCCTTCTCCCCGAATGGGCAAAGAGCAGC
TGTGGGGACCGCCAGTGGGACAATTTACCTGTTGAACTTGAAAACCTGG
CAGGAGGAGAAGGCTGTGGTGAGTGGCTGTGACGGGATTTCTCTTTTG
CATTCCTTTCGGACACTGCCCTTTTCCTTACTACCTTCGACGGGCACCT
AGAGCTTTGGGACCTGCAACATGGTTGTTGGGTGTTTCAGACCAAGGCC
CACCAGTACCAAATCACTGGCTGCTGCCTGAGCCCAGACCGCCGCCTGC
TGGCCACTGTGTGTTTGGGAGGATACCTAAAGCTGTGGGACACAGTCCG
AGGACAGCTGGCTTTTCAGTACACCCATCCAAAGTCTCTCAACTGCGTT
GCCTTCCACCCAGAGGGGCAGGTGGTAGCCACAGGCAGCTGGGCTGGCA
GCATTACCTTCTTCCAGGCAGATGGACTCAAAGTCACCAAGGAACTAGG
GGCCCCCGGACCCTCTGTCTGTAGTTTGGCATTCAAACAAACCTGGGAAG

FIGURE 2G

ATTGTGGCTGTGGGCCGGATAGATGGGACAGTGGAGCTGTGGGCCTGGC
AAGAGGGTGCCCGGCTGGCGGCCTTCCCTGCACAGTGTGGCTGTGTCTC
TGCTGTTCTTTTCTTGCATGCTGGAGACCGGTTCCCTGACTGCTGGAGAA
GATGGCAAGGCTCAGTTATGGTCAGGATTTCTTGGCCGGCCCAGGGGTT
GCCTGGGCTCTCTTCCTCTTTCTCCTGCACTCTCGGTGGCTCTCAACCC
AGACGGTGACCAGGTGGCTGTTGGGTACCGAGAAGATGGCATTAAACATC
TACAAGATTTCTTCAGGTTCCCAGGGGCCTCAGCATCAAGAGCTAAATG
TGGCGGTGTCTGCACTGGTGTGGCTGAGCCCTAGTGTTTTGGTGAGTGG
TGCAGAAGATGGATCCCTGCATGGTTGGATGTTCAAGGGAGACTCCCTT
CATTCCCTGTGGCTGTTGTCGAGATAACCAGAAGCCTGTGCTGGGACTGG
CTGCCTCCCGGGAACTCATGGCTGCTGCCTCAGAGGACTTCACTGTGAG
ACTGTGGCCCAGACAGCTGCTGACACAGCCACATGTGCATGCGGTAGAG
TTGCCCTGTTGTGCTGAACTCCGGGGACACGAGGGGCCAGTGTGCTGCT
GTAGCTTCAGCCCTGATGGAGGCATCTTGGCCACAGCTGGCAGGGATCG
GAATCTCCTTTGCTGGGACATGAAGATAGCCCAAGCCCCTCTCCTGATT
CACACTTTCTCGTCCTGTCATCGTGACTGGATCACTGGCTGTGCGTGGA
CCAAAGACAACATCCTGGTCTCCTGCTCGAGTGATGGCTCTGTGGGACT
CTGGAACCCAGAGGCAGGGCAGCAACTTGGCCAGTTCTCAGGCCACCAG
AGTGCCGTGAGCGCCGTGGTTGCTGTGGAGGAACACATTGTATCTGTGA

FIGURE 2H

GCCGAGATGGGACCTTGAAAGTGTGGGACCATCAGGGTGTGGAGCTGAC
CAGCATCCCTGCCATTCCGGACCCATCAGCCAGTGTGCAGCTGCTCTG
GAGCCCCGCCAGGGGGACAGCCTGGATCAGAGCTTCTGGTGGTACTG
TTGGACTAGATGGGGCCACAAAGTTGTGGCATCCCCTGTTGGTGTGCCA
AATACGTACTCTCCAGGGACACAGTGGCCCAGTCACAGCAGCTGCTGCT
TCAGAGGCCTCAGGCCTCCTGCTGACCTCAGATGATAGCTCTGTACAGC
TCTGGCAGATACCAAAGGAAGCAGATGATTCATACAAACCTAGGAGTTC
TGTGGCCATCACTGCTGTGGCATGGGCACCGGATGGTTCTATGGTGGTG
TCCGGAAATGAAGCCGGGGAAGTACACTGTGGCAGCAAGCCAAGGCTG
TGGCTACCGCACAGGCTCCAGGCCGCGTCAGTCACCTGATCTGGTACTC
GGCAAATTCATTCTTCGTTCTCAGTGCTAATGAAAACGTCAGCGAGTGG
CAAGTGGGACTGAGGAAAGGTTCAACGTCCACCAGTTCCAGTCTTCATC
TGAAGAGAGTTCTGCAGGAGGACTGGGGAGTCTTGACAGGTCTGGGTCT
GGCCCCTGATGGCCAGTCTCTCATCTTGATGAAAGAGGATGTGGAATTA
CTAGAGATGAAGCCTGGGTCTATTCCATCTTCTATCTGCAGGAGGTATG
GAGTACATTCTTCAATACTGTGCACCAGCAAGGAGTACGGCTTGTTCTA
CCTGCAGCAGGGGGACTCCGGATTACTTTCTATATTGGAGCAAAGGAG
TCAGGGGAGTTTGAAGAGATCCTGGACTTCAATCTGAACTTAAATAATC
CTAATGGGTCCCCAGTATCAATCACTCAGGCCAAACCTGAGTCTGAATC

FIGURE 2I

ATCCCTTTTGTGCGCCACCTCTGATGGGATGCTGTGGAACCTTATCTGAA
TGTACCTCAGAGGGAGAATGGATCGTAGATAACATTTGGCAGAAAAAAG
CAAAAAACCTAAAACCTCAGACTCTGGAGACAGAGTTGTCCCCGCACTC
AGAGTTGGATTTTTCCATTGATTGCTGGATTGATCCCACAAATTTAAAG
GCACAGCAGTGTA AAAAAGATCCACTTGGGCTCTGT CACAGCCCTCCATG
TGCTTCCGGGATTGCTGGTGACAGCTTCGAAGGACAGAGATGTTAAGCT
GTGGGAGAGACCCAGTATGCAGCTGCTGGGCTTGTTC CGATGTGAAGGG
CCAGTGAGCTGTCTGGAACCTTGGATGGAGCCCAGCTCTCCCCTGCAGC
TTGCTGTGGGAGACACACAAGGAAACTTGTATTTTCTATCTTGGGAA

FIGURE 3A

MEKLGHVSAHPDILSLENRCLAML PDLQPLEKLGHVSTHSDILSLKN
QCLATLPDLKTMEKPHGYVSAHPDILSLENQCLATLSDLKTMEKPHGHV
SAHPDILSLENRCLATLPSLKSTVSASPLFQSLQISHMTQADLYRVNNS
NCLLSEPPSWRAQHFSKGLDLSTCPIALKSISATETAQEATLGRWFDSE
EKKGAETQMPSYSLSLGEEEEVEDLAVKLTSGDSESHPEPTDHVLQEKK
MALLSLLCSTLVSEVNMNNTSDPTLAAIFEICRELALLEPEFILKASLY
ARQQLNVRNVANNILAI AAFLPACRPHLRRYFCAIVQLPSDWIQVAELY
QSLAEGDKNKLVPLPA CLR TAMTDKFAQFDEYQLAKYNPRKHRKRHPR
RPPRSPGMEPPFSHRCFPRYIGFLREEQRKFEKAGDTVSEKKNPPRFTL
KKLVQRLHIHKPAQH VQALLGYRYP SNLQLFSRSRLPGPWDS SRAGKRM
KLSRPETWERELSLRGNKASVWEELIENGKLPFMAMLRNLCNLLRVGIS
SRHHELILQRLQH GKSVIHSRQFPFRFLNAHDAIDALEAQLRNQALPFP
SNITLMRRILTRNEKNRPRRRFLCHLSRQQLRMAMRIPVLYEQLKREKL
RVHKARQWKYDGEMLNRYRQALETAVNLSVKHSLPLLPGRTVLVYLTDA
NADRLCPKSNPQGPPLNYALLIGMMITRAEQVDVVLCCGGDTLKTAVLK
AEEGILKTAIKLQAQVQEFDENDGWSLNTFGKYLLSLAGQRVPVDRVIL
LGQSMDDGMINVAKQLYWQRVNSKCLFVGILLRRVQYLSTD LNPNDVTL
SGCTDAILKFIAEHGASHLLEHVGQMDKIFKIPPPGKTGVQSLRPLEE
DTPSP LAPVSQQGWR SIRLFISSTFRDMHGERDLLLRSVLPALQARAAP

FIGURE 3B

HRISLHGIDLRWGVTEEETRRNRQLEVCLGEVENAQLFVGILGSRYGYI
PPSYNLPDHPHFHWAQQYPSGRSVTEMEVMQFLNRNQRQLQPSAQALIYF
RDSFLSSVPAWKSDVSESEEAAXRISELKSYLSRQKGITCRRYPCE
WGGVAAGRPYVGGLEEFQQLVLQDVWNMIQKLYLQPGALLEQPVSIPDD
DLVQATFQQLQKPPSPARPRLLQDTVQXLMLPHGRSLSLVTGQSGQGKTA
FLASLVSALQAPDGAKVAXLVFFHFSGARPDQGLALTLLRRLCTYLRGQ
LKEPGALPSTYRSLVWELQQRLLPKSAESLHPGQTQVLIIDGADRLVDQ
NGQLISDWIPKKLPRCVHLVLSVSSDAGLGETLEQSQGAHVLAALGPLEA
SARARLVREELALYGKRLEESPFNNQMRLLLVKRESGRPLYLRLVTDHL
RLFTLYEQVSERLRTLPAVPLLLQHILSTLEKEHGPDVLPQALTALEV
TRSGLTVDQLHGVLSVWRTLPKGTKSWEEAVAAGNSGDPYPMGPFACLV
QSLRSLLGEGPLERPGARLCLPDGPLRTAAKRCYGKRPGLEDTAHILIA
AQLWKTCDADASGTFRSCPPEALGDLPYHLLQSGNRGLLSKFLTNLHVV
AAHLELGLVSRLLLEAHALYASSVPKEEQKLPEADVAVFRTFLRQQASIL
SQYPRLLPQQAANQPLDSPLCHQASLLSRRWHLQHTLRWLNKPRMTMKNQ
QSSLSLAVSSSPTAVAFSTNGQRAAVGTANGTVYLLDLRTWQEEKSVV
SGCDGISACLFLSDDTLFLTAFDGLLELWDLQHGCRLVLTQKAHQYQITG
CCLSPDCRLLATVCLGGCLKLWDTVRGQLAFQHTYPKSLNCVAFHPEGQ
VIATGSWAGSISFFQVDGLKVTKDLGAPGASIRTLAFNVPPGGVAVGRL

FIGURE 3C

DSMVELWAWREGARLAAFPAHHGFVAAALFLHAGCQLLTAGEDGKVQVW
SGSLGRPRGHLGSLSLSPALSVALS PDGDRVA VGYRADGIRIYKISSGS
QGAQGQALDVAVSALAWLSPKVLVSGAEDGSLQG WALKECSLQSLWLLS
RFQKPVLGLATSQELLASASEDFTVQLWPRQLLTRPHKAEDFPCGTELR
GHEGPVSCCSFSTDGGS LATGGRDRSLLCWDVRTPKTPVLIHSFPACHR
DWVTGCAWTKDNLLISCSSDGSVGLWDPESGQRLGQFLGHQSAVSAVAA
VEEHVVSVSRDGT LKVWDHQGVELT SIPAHSGPISHCAAAMEPRAAGQP
GSELLVVTVGLDGATRLWHPLLVCQTH TLLGHSGPVRAAAVSETSGLML
TASEDGSVRLWQVPKEADDTCI PRSSAAVTAVAWAPDGSM AVSGNQAGE
LILWQEAKAVATAQAPGHIGALIWSSAHTFFVLSADEKISEWQVKLRKG
SAPGNLSLHLNRILQEDLGVLTS LDWAPDGHFLILAKADLKL LCMKPGD
APSEIWSSY TENPMILSTHKEYGIFVLQPKDPGVLSFLRQKESGEFEER
LNF DINLENPSRTLISITQAKPESESSFLCASSDGILWNLAKCSPEGEW
TTGNMWQKKANTPETQTPGTDPSTCRESDASMDSDASMDSEPTPHLKTR
QRRKIHSGSVTALHVLP ELLVTASKDRDVKLWERPSMQLLGLFRCEGSV
SCLEPWLGANSTLQLAVGDVQGNVYFLNWE

FIGURE 4A

MEKLCGHVPGHSDILSLKNRCLTMLPDLQPLEKIHGHRVHSDILSLEN
QCLTMLSDLQPTERIDGHISVHPDILSLENRCLTMLPDLQPLEKLCGHM
SSHDPVLSLENQCLATLPTVKSTALTSPLLQGLHISHTAQADLHSLKTS
NCLLPELPTKKTPCFSEELDLP GPRAKSMSATAQVQEV ALGQWCVSK
EKEFQEEESTEVPMPLYSLSEEEVEAPVLKLTSGDSGFHPETTDQVL
QEKK MALLTLLCSALASNVNVKDASDLTRASILEVCSALASLEPEFILK
ASLYARQQLNLRDIANTVLAVAALLPACRPHVRRYYS AIVHLPSDWIQV
AEFYQSLAEGDEK KLVSLPACLRAAMTDKFAEFDEYQLAKYNPRKHR SK
RRSRQP PRPQKTERPF SERGKCFPKSLWPLKNEQITFEAAYNAMPEKNR
LPRFTLKKLVEYLHIHKPAQH VQALLGYRYPATLELFSRSHLPGPWESS
RAGQRMKLRRPETWERELSLRGNKASVWEELIDNGKLPFMAMLRNLCNL
LRTGISARHHELVLQRLQHEKSVVHSRQFPFRFLNAHDSIDKLEAQLRS
KASPFPSNTTLMKRIMIRNSKKNRRPASRKHLCTLTRRQLRAAMTIPVM
YEQLKREKLRLHKARQWNC DVELLERYRQALETAVNLSVKHNLS PMPGR
TLLVYLTDANADRLCPKSHSQGPPLNYVLLLLIGMMVARAEQVTVCLCGG
GFVKTPVLTAD EGILKTAIKLQAQVQELEGNDEWPLDTFGKYLLSLAVQ
RTPIDRVILFGQRMDTELLKVAKQIIWQHVN SKCLFVGVLLQKTQYISP
NLNPNDVTL SGCTDGILKFIAEHGASRLLEHVGQLDKLFKIPPPGKTQ
APSLRPLEENIPGPLGPISQHGWRNIRLFISSTFRDMHGERDLLMRSVL

FIGURE 4B

PALQARVFPHRISLHAIDLRWGITEEETRRNRQLEVCLGEVENSQLFVG
ILGSRYGYIPPSYDLPDHPHFHWTHEYPSGRSVTEMEVMQFLNRGQRSQ
PSAQALIYFRDPDFLSSVPDAWKPDFISESEEAHRVSELKRYLHEQKE
VTCRSYSCEWGGVAAGRPYTGGLEEFQQLVLQDVWSMIQKQHLQPGAQL
EQPTSISEDCLIQTSFQQLKTPTSPARPRLLQDTVQQLLLPHGRSLSLVT
GQAGQGKTAFLASLVSALKVPDQPNEPPFVFFHFAAARPDQCLALNLLR
RLCTHLRQKLGELSALPSTYRGLVWELQOKLLLKFAQSLQPAQTLVLI
DGADKLVDRNGQLISDWIPKSLPRRVHLVLSVSSDSGLGETLQQSOGAY
VVALGSLVPSSRAQLVREELALYGKRLEESPFNNQMRLLLAKQGSPLPL
YLHLVTDYLRRLFTLYEQVSERLRTLPLLLQHILSTLEQEHGHDVL
PQALTALEVTRSGLTVDQLHAILSTWLILPKETKSWEVLAASHSGNPF
PLCPFAYLVQSLRSLLGEGPVERPGARLCLSDGPLRTTIKRRYGKRLGL
EKTAHVLIAAHLWKTCDPDASGTFRSCPPEALKDLPYHLLQSGNHGLLA
EFLTNLHVVAAYLEVGLVPDLLEAHVLYASSKPEANQKLPAAADVAVFHT
FLRQQASLLTQYPLLLLQQAASQPEESPVCCQAPLLTQRWHDQFTLKI
NKPQTLKGQQSLSLTMSSSPTAVAFSPNGQRAAVGTASGTIYLLNLKTW
QEEKAVVSGCDGISSFAFLSDTALFLTTFDGHLELWDLQHGCWVFQTKA
HQYQITGCCLSPDRLLATVCLGGYLKLWDTVRGQLAFQYTHPKSLNCV
AFHPEGQVVATGSWAGSITFFQADGLKVTKELGAPGPSVCSLAFNKPGK

FIGURE 4C

IVAVGRIDGTVELWAWQEGARLAAFPAQCVCVSAVFLHAGDRFLTAGE
DGKAQLWSGFLGRPRGCLGSLPLSPALSVALNPDGDQVAVGYREDGINI
YKISSGSQGPQHQELNVAVSALVWLSPSVLVSGAEDGSLHGWMFKGDSL
HSLWLLSRYQKPVLGLAASRELMAAASEDFTVRLWPRQLLTQPHVHAVE
LPCCAELRGHEGPVCCCSFSPDGGILATAGRDRNLLCWDMKIAQAPLLI
HTFSSCHRDWITGCAWTKDNILVSCSSDGSVGLWNPEAGQQLGQFSGHQ
SAVSAVVAVEEHIVSVSRDGTKVWDHQGVELTSPAHSGPISQCAAAL
EPRPGGQPGSELLVVTVGLDGATKLWHPLLVCQIRTLQGHSGPVTAAAA
SEASGLLLTSDDSSVQLWQIPKEADDSYKPRSSVAITAVAWAPDGSMVV
SGNEAGELTLWQQAKAVATAQAPGRVSHLIWYSANSFFVLSANENVSEW
QVGLRKGSTSTSSSLHLKRVLQEDWGVLTGLGLAPDGQSLILMKEDVEL
LEMKPGSIPSSICRRYGVHSSILCTSKEYGLFYLQQGDSGLLSILEQKE
SGEFEEILDFNLNLNNPNGSPVSITQAKPESESSLLCATSDGMLWNLSE
CTSEGEWIVDNIWQKKAKKPKTQTLETELSPHSELDFSIDCWIDPTNLK
AQQCKKIHLGSVTALHVLPGLLVTASKDRDVKLWERPSMQLLGLFRCEG
PVSCLEPWMEPSSPLQLAVGDTQGNLYFLSWE

GENES ENCODING TELOMERASE PROTEIN 1

This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 08/751,189 filed Nov. 15, 1996, which is hereby incorporated by reference now U.S. Pat. No. 5,919,656.

BACKGROUND

1. Field of the Invention

This invention relates to novel genes encoding polypeptides that comprise a component of the telomerase enzyme complex, as well as to methods of making the genes and polypeptides.

2. Related Art

Many physiological changes occur as humans age. In addition to those observed at the phenotypic level such as change in hair color, appearance of skin, decreased lean body mass, etc., there are many changes at the cellular and biochemical levels. One such change that has been observed is a marked decrease in the length of telomeres in somatic cells as they age (Harley et al., *Nature*, 345:458-460 [1990]). Telomeres are repetitive DNA sequences that are localized to the ends of every chromosome, and are necessary for proper chromosome maintenance, replication, and localization of the chromosomes within the cell nucleus.

In most organisms, telomeres are synthesized and maintained by an enzyme known as telomerase. Telomerase is a ribonucleoprotein composed of RNA and protein components, and both types of components are necessary for activity (see for example, Greider, *Annu. Rev. Biochem.*, 65:337-365 [1996]; Greider et al., in *Cellular Aging and Cell Death*, Wiley-Liss Inc., New York, N.Y., pp. 123-138 [1996]).

Most cells of adult humans do not have telomerase activity; exceptions include, for example, germline tissues (sperm cells and oocytes) and certain blood cells (Greider et al., *Cellular Aging and Cell Death*, supra). Decreased telomere length correlates well with decreased replicative capacity of cells in culture (referred to as cellular senescence or cell age). It has been postulated that shortened telomeres may be involved in the inability of cells to continue dividing (Harley, supra; Levy et al., *J. Mol. Biol.*, 225:951-960 [1992]; and Harley et al., *Cold Spring Harbor Symposium on Quantitative Biology*, 59:307-315 [1994]), thereby contributing to senescence of the cells.

Recently, it has been shown that the telomeres of one class of white blood cells, called CD28-/CD8+ T-cells, are significantly shorter in AIDS patients as compared with the same cells obtained from healthy persons of the same or similar age (Effros et al., *AIDS*, 10:17-22 [1996]).

In many human cancerous cells, it has been shown that telomere length does not decrease, and telomerase activity is present, regardless of the age of these cells (Kim et al., *Science*, 266:2011-2015 [1994]; and Counter et al., *EMBO J.*, 11:1921-1929 [1992]). It has been suggested that inhibition of telomerase in cancer cells might serve to decrease the proliferation of these cells (Harley et al., *Cold Spring Harbor Symposium on Quantitative Biology*, supra; and Greider et al., *Cellular Aging and Cell Death*, supra).

The RNA component of telomerase in several mammals has been cloned and sequenced (see PCT patent application WO 96/01835, published Jan. 25, 1995; Blasco et al., *Science*, 269:1267-1270 [1995]; Feng et al., *Science*, 269:1236-1241 [1995]), and it has been demonstrated that this RNA component is necessary for telomerase activity

(Blasco et al., supra; Feng et al., supra; oral presentations at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Conference on Telomeres and Telomerase, Nov. 3-6 1996). In mouse tumor models, an increase in telomerase RNA correlates with increased tumor progression (Blasco et al., *Nature Genetics*, 12:200-204 [1996]). However, Avilion et al. (*Cancer Res.*, 56:645-650 [1996]) showed that the presence of telomerase RNA in various human tumor tissues and cell lines was not a good predictor of the presence or amount of telomerase activity in these tissues and cell lines.

In ciliates (single celled eukaryotic organisms), it has been found that the protein portion of telomerase is comprised of two distinct polypeptides, termed p80 and p95 (see PCT patent application WO 96/19580, published Jun. 27, 1995; Harrington et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 270:8893-8901 [1995]; and Collins et al., *Cell*, 81:677-686 [1995]). Recently, two telomerase polypeptides of molecular weight 120 kDa and 43 kDa have reportedly been purified in *Euplotes*, a single-celled eukaryotic organism (Lingner et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 93:10712-10717 [1996]). Prior to the present invention, the protein component or components of mammalian telomerase had not been identified.

Recently, a 347 base pair nucleic acid molecule was deposited in the public database Genbank as accession number H33937. This nucleic acid molecule was apparently identified from rat PC-12 cells that had been treated with NGF (neurotrophic growth factor). No function for this nucleic acid molecule or the protein encoded by it is set forth in the Genbank database information, however, a portion of this molecule has been found to be highly homologous to a region of the mouse telomerase RNA interacting protein 1 (TRIP1) of the present invention.

In view of the devastating effects of cancer and AIDS, there is a need in the art to identify molecules in the human body which may have an important role in the etiology of these diseases, and to manipulate the expression of such molecules in patients suffering from these and related diseases.

Accordingly, it is an object of this invention to provide nucleic acid molecules and polypeptides that affect aging and/or proliferation of cells in the human body.

It is a further object to provide methods of altering the level of expression of such nucleic acid molecules and polypeptides in the human body.

Other related objects will readily be apparent from a reading of this disclosure.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In one embodiment, the present invention provides a TRIP1 nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of: the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO:1; the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO:2; a nucleic acid molecule encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, or a biologically active fragment thereof; a nucleic acid molecule that encodes a polypeptide that is at least 70 percent identical to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4; a nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes under stringent conditions to any of the above nucleic acids; and a nucleic acid molecule that is the complement of any of the above nucleic acids.

In another embodiment, the invention provides a nucleic acid molecule encoding amino acids 1-871 of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3.

In one other embodiment, the invention provides vectors comprising the nucleic acids listed above, where the vectors

can be amplification or expression vectors, suitable for use in prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells. Also provided are host cells comprising these vectors, wherein the host cells may be prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells.

The invention additionally provides a process for producing a TRIP1 polypeptide comprising the steps of:

expressing a polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid of claim 1 in a suitable host and isolating the polypeptide, wherein the TRIP1 polypeptide may be SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, or amino acids 1–871 of SEQ ID NO:3.

In yet another embodiment, the invention comprises a TRIP1 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of: the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3; the polypeptide that is amino acids 1–871 of SEQ ID NO:3; a polypeptide that is at least 70 percent identical to one of these polypeptides, or a polypeptide that is a biologically active fragment of one of these polypeptides.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 (A–I) depicts the full length cDNA sequence of human TRIP1 (SEQ ID NO:1).

FIG. 2 (A–I) depicts the full length cDNA sequence of mouse TRIP1 (SEQ ID NO:2).

FIG. 3 (A–C) depicts the putative full length amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:3) of human TRIP1 as translated from the cDNA sequence.

FIG. 4 (A–C) depicts the putative full length amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:4) of mouse TRIP1 as translated from the cDNA sequence.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Included in the scope of this invention are TRIP1 (referred to herein as “TRIP1”) polypeptides such as the polypeptides of SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ ID NO:4, and related biologically active polypeptide fragments and derivatives thereof. Further included within the scope of the present invention are nucleic acid molecules that encode these polypeptides, and methods for preparing the polypeptides. Such molecules may be useful as therapeutic agents in those cases where increasing TRIP1 activity is desired.

In those situations in which TRIP1 activity is to be decreased, such as in cancer cells in which TRIP1 activity is elevated as compared to non-cancerous cells, TRIP1 may serve as a target to identify a molecule which inhibits TRIP1 activity. Techniques that may be useful in identifying such TRIP1 inhibiting molecules are described in detail below. Alternatively, ex vivo or in vivo gene therapy may be employed to administer either TRIP1 anti-sense molecules, or DNA constructs that may serve to disrupt or enhance TRIP1 expression in the cells.

Also included within the scope of the present invention are non-human mammals such as mice, rats, rabbits, goats, or sheep in which the gene (or genes) encoding native TRIP1 has been disrupted (“knocked out”) such that the level of expression of this gene is significantly decreased or completely abolished. Such mammals may be prepared using techniques and methods such as those described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,557,032. The present invention further includes non-human mammals such as mice, rats, rabbits, goats, or sheep in which the gene (or genes) encoding the TRIP1 (either the native form of TRIP1 for the mammal or a heterologous TRIP1 gene) is over expressed by the mammal, thereby creating a “transgenic” mammal. Such transgenic mammals may be prepared using well known methods such as those

described in U.S. Pat. No 5,489,743 and PCT patent application no. WO94/28122, published Dec. 8, 1994.

The term “TRIP1 protein” or “TRIP1 polypeptide” as used herein refers to any protein or polypeptide having the properties described herein for TRIP1, or TRIP1. The small letter in front of the letters “TRIP1”, when used, refers to a TRIP1 polypeptide from a particular mammal, i.e., “hTRIP1” refers to human TRIP1, and “mTRIP1” refers to mouse TRIP1. The TRIP1 polypeptide may or may not have an amino terminal methionine, depending on the manner in which it is prepared. By way of illustration, TRIP1 protein or TRIP1 polypeptide refers to (1) an amino acid sequence encoded by TRIP1 nucleic acid molecules as defined in any of items (a)–(f) below, and biologically active peptide or polypeptide fragments derived therefrom, (2) naturally occurring allelic variants of the TRIP1 gene which result in one or more amino acid substitutions, deletions, and/or insertions as compared to the TRIP1 polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4, and/or (3) chemically modified derivatives as well as nucleic acid and or amino acid sequence variants thereof as provided for herein.

As used herein, the term “TRIP1 fragment” refers to a peptide or polypeptide that is less than the full length amino acid sequence of naturally occurring TRIP1 protein but has substantially the same biological activity as TRIP1 polypeptide or TRIP1 protein described above. Such a fragment may be truncated at the amino terminus, the carboxy terminus, and/or internally, and may be chemically modified. Such TRIP1 fragments may be prepared with or without an amino terminal methionine.

As used herein, the term “TRIP1 derivative” or “TRIP1 variant” refers to a TRIP1 polypeptide, protein, or fragment that 1) has been chemically modified, as for example, by addition of one or more polyethylene glycol molecules, sugars, phosphates, or other such molecules not naturally attached to wild-type TRIP1 polypeptide, and/or 2) contains one or more nucleic acid or amino acid sequence substitutions, deletions, and/or insertions as compared to TRIP1 set forth in FIGS. 3 or 4.

As used herein, the terms “biologically active polypeptide” and “biologically active fragment” refer to a TRIP1 peptide or polypeptide in accordance with the above description for TRIP1 that has at least one of the following activities which have been identified for TRIP1: (1) specifically binding to telomerase RNA; and (2) binding to an antibody that is directed to an epitope on the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4.

As used herein, the term “TRIP1” when used to describe a nucleic acid molecule refers to a nucleic acid molecule or fragment thereof that (a) has the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2; (b) has a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide that is at least 70 percent identical, but may be greater than 70 percent, i.e., 80 percent, 90 percent, or even greater than 90 percent identical, to the polypeptide encoded by any of SEQ ID NOS:1 or 2; (c) is a naturally occurring allelic variant of (a) or (b); (d) is a nucleic acid variant of (a)–(c) produced as provided for herein; (e) has a sequence that is complementary to (a)–(d); and/or (f) hybridizes to any of (a)–(e) under stringent conditions.

Percent sequence identity can be determined by standard methods that are commonly used to compare the similarity in position of the amino acids of two polypeptides. By way of example, using a computer program such as BLAST or FASTA, the two polypeptides for which the percent sequence identity is to be determined are aligned for optimal

matching of their respective amino acids (the “matched span”, which can include the full length of one or both sequences, or a pre-determined portion of one or both sequences). Each computer program provides a “default” opening penalty and a “default” gap penalty, and a scoring matrix such as PAM 250. A standard scoring matrix (see Dayhoff et al., in: *Atlas of Protein Sequence and Structure*, vol. 5, supp.3 [1978]) can be used in conjunction with the computer program. The percent identity can then be calculated by determining the percent identity using an algorithm contained in a program such as FASTA:

$$\frac{(\text{Total number of identical matches})}{[\text{length of the longer sequence within the matched span}] + [\text{number of gaps introduced into the longer sequence in order to align the two sequences}]} \times 100$$

Polypeptides that are at least 70 percent identical will typically have one or more amino acid substitutions, deletions, and/or insertions as compared with wild type TRIP1. Usually, the substitutions will be conservative so as to have little or no effect on the overall net charge, polarity, or hydrophobicity of the protein but optionally may increase the activity of TRIP1. Conservative substitutions are set forth in Table I below.

TABLE I

Conservative Amino Acid Substitutions	
Basic:	arginine lysine histidine
Acidic:	glutamic acid aspartic acid
Polar:	glutamine asparagine
Hydrophobic:	leucine isoleucine valine
Aromatic:	phenylalanine tryptophan tyrosine
Small:	glycine alanine serine threonine methionine

The term “stringent conditions” refers to hybridization and washing under conditions that permit only binding of a nucleic acid molecule such as an oligonucleotide or cDNA molecule probe to highly homologous sequences. One stringent wash solution is 0.015 M NaCl, 0.005 M NaCitrate, and 0.1 percent SDS used at a temperature of 55° C.–65° C. Another stringent wash solution is 0.2×SSC and 0.1 percent SDS used at a temperature of between 50° C.–65° C. Where oligonucleotide probes are used to screen cDNA or genomic libraries, the following stringent washing conditions may be used. One protocol uses 6×SSC with 0.05 percent sodium pyrophosphate at a temperature of 35° C.–62° C., depending on the length of the oligonucleotide probe. For example, 14 base pair probes are washed at 35–40° C., 17 base pair probes are washed at 45–50° C., 20 base pair probes are washed at 52–57° C., and 23 base pair probes are washed at 57–63° C. The temperature can be increased 2–3° C. where the background non-specific binding appears high. A second protocol utilizes tetramethylammonium chloride (TMAC) for washing oligonucleotide probes. One stringent washing

solution is 3 M TMAC, 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, and 0.2 percent SDS. The washing temperature using this solution is a function of the length of the probe. For example, a 17 base pair probe is washed at about 45–50° C.

As used herein, the terms “effective amount” and “therapeutically effective amount” refer to the amount of TRIP1 necessary to support one or more biological activities of TRIP1 as set forth above.

The TRIP1 polypeptides that have use in practicing the present invention may be naturally occurring full length polypeptides, or truncated polypeptides or peptides (i.e., “fragments”). The polypeptides or fragments may be chemically modified, i.e., glycosylated, phosphorylated, and/or linked to a polymer, as described below, and they may have an amino terminal methionine, depending on how they are prepared. In addition, the polypeptides or fragments may be variants of the naturally occurring TRIP1 polypeptide (i.e., may contain one or more amino acid deletions, insertions, and/or substitutions as compared with naturally occurring TRIP1).

The full length TRIP1 polypeptide or fragment thereof can be prepared using well known recombinant DNA technology methods such as those set forth in Sambrook et al. (*Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. [1989]) and/or Ausubel et al., eds, (*Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, Green Publishers Inc. and Wiley and Sons, NY [1994]). A gene or cDNA encoding the TRIP1 protein or fragment thereof may be obtained for example by screening a genomic or cDNA library, or by PCR amplification. Alternatively, a gene encoding the TRIP1 polypeptide or fragment may be prepared by chemical synthesis using methods well known to the skilled artisan such as those described by Engels et al. (*Angew. Chem. Intl. Ed.*, 28:716–734 [1989]). These methods include, inter alia, the phosphotriester, phosphoramidite, and H-phosphonate methods for nucleic acid synthesis. A preferred method for such chemical synthesis is polymer-supported synthesis using standard phosphoramidite chemistry. Typically, the DNA encoding the TRIP1 polypeptide will be several hundred nucleotides in length. Nucleic acids larger than about 100 nucleotides can be synthesized as several fragments using these methods. The fragments can then be ligated together to form the full length TRIP1 polypeptide. Usually, the DNA fragment encoding the amino terminus of the polypeptide will have an ATG, which encodes a methionine residue. This methionine may or may not be present on the mature form of the TRIP1 polypeptide, depending on whether the polypeptide produced in the host cell is secreted from that cell.

In some cases, it may be desirable to prepare nucleic acid and/or amino acid variants of naturally occurring TRIP1. Nucleic acid variants (wherein one or more nucleotides are designed to differ from the wild-type or naturally occurring TRIP1) may be produced using site directed mutagenesis or PCR amplification where the primer(s) have the desired point mutations (see Sambrook et al., supra, and Ausubel et al., supra, for descriptions of mutagenesis techniques). Chemical synthesis using methods described by Engels et al., supra, may also be used to prepare such variants. Other methods known to the skilled artisan may be used as well. Preferred nucleic acid variants are those containing nucleotide substitutions accounting for codon preference in the host cell that is to be used to produce TRIP1. Other preferred variants are those encoding conservative amino acid changes as described above (e.g., wherein the charge or polarity of the naturally occurring amino acid side chain is not altered

substantially by substitution with a different amino acid) as compared to wild type, and/or those designed to either generate a novel glycosylation and/or phosphorylation site (s) on TRIP1, or those designed to delete an existing glycosylation and/or phosphorylation site(s) on TRIP1.

The TRIP1 gene or cDNA can be inserted into an appropriate expression vector for expression in a host cell. The vector is typically selected to be functional in the particular host cell employed (i.e., the vector is compatible with the host cell machinery such that amplification of the TRIP1 gene and/or expression of the gene can occur). The TRIP1 polypeptide or fragment thereof may be amplified/expressed in prokaryotic, yeast, insect (baculovirus systems) and/or eukaryotic host cells. Selection of the host cell will depend at least in part on whether the TRIP1 polypeptide or fragment thereof is to be glycosylated and/or phosphorylated. If so, yeast, insect, or mammalian host cells are preferable; yeast cells can typically glycosylate and phosphorylate the polypeptide, and insect and mammalian cells can glycosylate and/or phosphorylate the polypeptide as it naturally occurs on the TRIP1 polypeptide (i.e., "native" glycosylation and/or phosphorylation).

Typically, the vectors used in any of the host cells will contain 5' flanking sequence (also referred to as a "promoter") and other regulatory elements as well such as an enhancer(s), an origin of replication element, a transcriptional termination element, a complete intron sequence containing a donor and acceptor splice site, a signal peptide sequence, a ribosome binding site element, a polyadenylation sequence, a polylinker region for inserting the nucleic acid encoding the polypeptide to be expressed, and a selectable marker element. Each of these elements is discussed below. Optionally, the vector may contain a "tag" sequence, i.e., an oligonucleotide sequence located at the 5' or 3' end of the TRIP1 coding sequence that encodes polyHis (such as hexaHis) or another small immunogenic sequence. This tag will be expressed along with the protein, and can serve as an affinity tag for purification of the TRIP1 polypeptide from the host cell. Optionally, the tag can subsequently be removed from the purified TRIP1 polypeptide by various means such as using a selected peptidase for example.

The 5' flanking sequence may be homologous (i.e., from the same species and/or strain as the host cell), heterologous (i.e., from a species other than the host cell species or strain), hybrid (i.e., a combination of 5' flanking sequences from more than one source), synthetic, or it may be the native TRIP1 5' flanking sequence. As such, the source of the 5' flanking sequence may be any unicellular prokaryotic or eukaryotic organism, any vertebrate or invertebrate organism, or any plant, provided that the 5' flanking sequence is functional in, and can be activated by, the host cell machinery.

The 5' flanking sequences useful in the vectors of this invention may be obtained by any of several methods well known in the art. Typically, 5' flanking sequences useful herein other than the TRIP1 5' flanking sequence will have been previously identified by mapping and/or by restriction endonuclease digestion and can thus be isolated from the proper tissue source using the appropriate restriction endonucleases. In some cases, the full nucleotide sequence of the 5' flanking sequence may be known. Here, the 5' flanking sequence may be synthesized using the methods described above for nucleic acid synthesis or cloning.

Where all or only a portion of the 5' flanking sequence is known, it may be obtained using PCR and/or by screening a genomic library with suitable oligonucleotide and/or 5' flanking sequence fragments from the same or another species.

Where the 5' flanking sequence is not known, a fragment of DNA containing a 5' flanking sequence may be isolated from a larger piece of DNA that may contain, for example, a coding sequence or even another gene or genes. Isolation may be accomplished by restriction endonuclease digestion using one or more carefully selected enzymes to isolate the proper DNA fragment. After digestion, the desired fragment may be isolated by agarose gel purification, Qiagen® column or other methods known to the skilled artisan. Selection of suitable enzymes to accomplish this purpose will be readily apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art.

The origin of replication element is typically a part of prokaryotic expression vectors purchased commercially, and aids in the amplification of the vector in a host cell. Amplification of the vector to a certain copy number can, in some cases, be important for optimal expression of the TRIP1 polypeptide. If the vector of choice does not contain an origin of replication site, one may be chemically synthesized based on a known sequence, and ligated into the vector.

The transcription termination element is typically located 3' of the end of the TRIP1 polypeptide coding sequence and serves to terminate transcription of the TRIP1 polypeptide. Usually, the transcription termination element in prokaryotic cells is a G-C rich fragment followed by a poly T sequence. While the element is easily cloned from a library or even purchased commercially as part of a vector, it can also be readily synthesized using methods for nucleic acid synthesis such as those described above.

A selectable marker gene element encodes a protein necessary for the survival and growth of a host cell grown in a selective culture medium. Typical selection marker genes encode proteins that (a) confer resistance to antibiotics or other toxins, e.g., ampicillin, tetracycline, or kanamycin for prokaryotic host cells, (b) complement auxotrophic deficiencies of the cell; or (c) supply critical nutrients not available from complex media. Preferred selectable markers are the kanamycin resistance gene, the ampicillin resistance gene, and the tetracycline resistance gene.

The ribosome binding element, commonly called the Shine-Dalgarno sequence (prokaryotes) or the Kozak sequence (eukaryotes), is necessary for translation initiation of mRNA. The element is typically located 3' to the promoter and 5' to the coding sequence of the TRIP1 polypeptide to be synthesized. The Shine-Dalgarno sequence is varied but is typically a polypurine (i.e., having a high A-G content). Many Shine-Dalgarno sequences have been identified, each of which can be readily synthesized using methods set forth above and used in a prokaryotic vector.

In those cases where it is desirable for TRIP1 to be secreted from the host cell, a signal sequence may be used to direct the TRIP1 polypeptide out of the host cell where it is synthesized, and the carboxy-terminal part of the protein may be deleted in order to prevent membrane anchoring. Typically, the signal sequence is positioned in the coding region of TRIP1 nucleic acid sequence, or directly at the 5' end of the TRIP1 coding region. Many signal sequences have been identified, and any of them that are functional in the selected host cell may be used in conjunction with the TRIP1 gene. Therefore, the signal sequence may be homologous or heterologous to the TRIP1 polypeptide, and may be homologous or heterologous to the TRIP1 polypeptide. Additionally, the signal sequence may be chemically synthesized using methods set forth above. In most cases, secretion of the polypeptide from the host cell via the presence of a signal peptide will result in the removal of the amino terminal methionine from the polypeptide.

In many cases, transcription of the TRIP1 polypeptide is increased by the presence of one or more introns on the vector; this is particularly true where TRIP1 is produced in eukaryotic host cells, especially mammalian host cells. The introns used may be naturally occurring within the TRIP1 nucleic acid sequence, especially where the TRIP1 sequence used is a full length genomic sequence or a fragment thereof. Where the intron is not naturally occurring within the TRIP1 DNA sequence (as for most cDNAs), the intron(s) may be obtained from another source. The position of the intron with respect to the 5' flanking sequence and the TRIP1 coding sequence is important, as the intron must be transcribed to be effective. As such, where the TRIP1 nucleic acid sequence is a cDNA sequence, the preferred position for the intron is 3' to the transcription start site, and 5' to the polyA transcription termination sequence. Preferably for TRIP1 cDNAs, the intron will be located on one side or the other (i.e., 5' or 3') of the TRIP1 coding sequence such that it does not interrupt the this coding sequence. Any intron from any source, including any viral, prokaryotic and eukaryotic (plant or animal) organisms, may be used to practice this invention, provided that it is compatible with the host cell(s) into which it is inserted. Also included herein are synthetic introns. Optionally, more than one intron may be used in the vector.

Where one or more of the elements set forth above are not already present in the vector to be used, they may be individually obtained and ligated into the vector. Methods used for obtaining each of the elements are well known to the skilled artisan and are comparable to the methods set forth above (i.e., synthesis of the DNA, library screening, and the like).

The final vectors used to practice this invention are typically constructed from a starting vectors such as a commercially available vector. Such vectors may or may not contain some of the elements to be included in the completed vector. If none of the desired elements are present in the starting vector, each element may be individually ligated into the vector by cutting the vector with the appropriate restriction endonuclease(s) such that the ends of the element to be ligated in and the ends of the vector are compatible for ligation. In some cases, it may be necessary to "blunt" the ends to be ligated together in order to obtain a satisfactory ligation. Blunting is accomplished by first filling in "sticky ends" using Klenow DNA polymerase or T4 DNA polymerase in the presence of all four nucleotides. This procedure is well known in the art and is described for example in Sambrook et al., supra.

Alternatively, two or more of the elements to be inserted into the vector may first be ligated together (if they are to be positioned adjacent to each other) and then ligated into the vector.

One other method for constructing the vector to conduct all ligations of the various elements simultaneously in one reaction mixture. Here, many nonsense or nonfunctional vectors will be generated due to improper ligation or insertion of the elements, however the functional vector may be identified and selected by restriction endonuclease digestion.

Preferred vectors for practicing this invention are those which are compatible with bacterial, insect, and mammalian host cells. Such vectors include, inter alia, pCRII (Invitrogen Company, San Diego, Calif.), pBSII (Stratagene Company, LaJolla, Calif.), and pETL (BlueBacII; Invitrogen).

After the vector has been constructed and a TRIP1 nucleic acid has been inserted into the proper site of the vector, the completed vector may be inserted into a suitable host cell for amplification and/or TRIP1 polypeptide expression.

Host cells may be prokaryotic host cells (such as *E. coli*) or eukaryotic host cells (such as a yeast cell, an insect cell, or a vertebrate cell). The host cell, when cultured under appropriate conditions, can synthesize TRIP1 protein which can subsequently be collected from the culture medium (if the host cell secretes it into the medium) or directly from the host cell producing it (if it is not secreted). After collection, the TRIP1 protein can be purified using methods such as molecular sieve chromatography, affinity chromatography, and the like.

Selection of the host cell will depend in part on whether the TRIP1 protein is to be glycosylated or phosphorylated (in which case eukaryotic host cells are preferred), and the manner in which the host cell is able to "fold" the protein into its native tertiary structure (e.g., proper orientation of disulfide bridges, etc.) such that biologically active protein is prepared by the cell. However, where the host cell does not synthesize biologically active TRIP1, the TRIP1 may be "folded" after synthesis using appropriate chemical conditions as discussed below.

Suitable cells or cell lines may be mammalian cells, such as Chinese hamster ovary cells (CHO) or 3T3 cells. The selection of suitable mammalian host cells and methods for transformation, culture, amplification, screening and product production and purification are known in the art. Other suitable mammalian cell lines, are the monkey COS-1 and COS-7 cell lines, and the CV-1 cell line. Further exemplary mammalian host cells include primate cell lines and rodent cell lines, including transformed cell lines. Normal diploid cells, cell strains derived from in vitro culture of primary tissue, as well as primary explants, are also suitable. Candidate cells may be genotypically deficient in the selection gene, or may contain a dominantly acting selection gene. Other suitable mammalian cell lines include but are not limited to, mouse neuroblastoma N2A cells, HeLa, mouse L-929 cells, 3T3 lines derived from Swiss, Balb-c or NIH mice, BHK or HaK hamster cell lines.

Similarly useful as host cells suitable for the present invention are bacterial cells. For example, the various strains of *E. coli* (e.g., HB101, DH5 α , DH10, and MC1061) are well-known as host cells in the field of biotechnology. Various strains of *B. subtilis*, *Pseudomonas* spp., other *Bacillus* spp., *Streptomyces* spp., and the like may also be employed in this method.

Many strains of yeast cells known to those skilled in the art are also available as host cells for expression of the polypeptides of the present invention. Additionally, where desired, insect cells may be utilized as host cells in the method of the present invention (Miller et al., *Genetic Engineering* 8: 277-298 [1986]).

Insertion (also referred to as "transformation" or "transfection") of the vector into the selected host cell may be accomplished using such methods as calcium chloride, electroporation, microinjection, lipofection or the DEAE-dextran method. The method selected will in part be a function of the type of host cell to be used. These methods and other suitable methods are well known to the skilled artisan, and are set forth, for example, in Sambrook et al., supra.

The host cells containing the vector (i.e., transformed or transfected) may be cultured using standard media well known to the skilled artisan. The media will usually contain all nutrients necessary for the growth and survival of the cells. Suitable media for culturing *E. coli* cells are for example, Luria Broth (LB) and/or Terrific Broth (TB). Suitable media for culturing eukaryotic cells are RPMI

1640, MEM, DMEM, all of which may be supplemented with serum and/or growth factors as required by the particular cell line being cultured. A suitable medium for insect cultures is Grace's medium supplemented with yeastolate, lactalbumin hydrolysate, and/or fetal calf serum as necessary.

Typically, an antibiotic or other compound useful for selective growth of the transformed cells only is added as a supplement to the media. The compound to be used will be dictated by the selectable marker element present on the plasmid with which the host cell was transformed. For example, where the selectable marker element is kanamycin resistance, the compound added to the culture medium will be kanamycin.

The amount of TRIP1 polypeptide produced in the host cell can be evaluated using standard methods known in the art. Such methods include, without limitation, Western blot analysis, SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, non-denaturing gel electrophoresis, HPLC separation, immunoprecipitation, and/or activity assays such as DNA binding gel shift assays.

If the TRIP1 polypeptide has been designed to be secreted from the host cells, the majority of polypeptide may be found in the cell culture medium. Polypeptides prepared in this way will typically not possess an amino terminal methionine, as it is removed during secretion from the cell. If however, the TRIP1 polypeptide is not secreted from the host cells, it will be present in the cytoplasm (for eukaryotic, gram positive bacteria, and insect host cells) or in the periplasm (for gram negative bacteria host cells) and may have an amino terminal methionine.

For intracellular TRIP1 protein, the host cells are typically first disrupted mechanically or osmotically to release the cytoplasmic contents into a buffered solution. TRIP1 polypeptide can then be isolated from this solution.

Purification of TRIP1 polypeptide from solution can be accomplished using a variety of techniques. If the polypeptide has been synthesized such that it contains a tag such as Hexahistidine (TRIP1/hexaHis) or other small peptide at either its carboxyl or amino terminus, it may essentially be purified in a one-step process by passing the solution through an affinity column where the column matrix has a high affinity for the tag or for the polypeptide directly (i.e., a monoclonal antibody specifically recognizing TRIP1). For example, polyhistidine binds with great affinity and specificity to nickel, thus an affinity column of nickel (such as the Qiagen nickel columns) can be used for purification of TRIP1/polyHis. (See for example, Ausubel et al., eds., *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, Section 10.11.8, John Wiley & Sons, New York [1993]).

Where the TRIP1 polypeptide has no tag and no antibodies are available, other well known procedures for purification can be used. Such procedures include, without limitation, ion exchange chromatography, molecular sieve chromatography, HPLC, native gel electrophoresis in combination with gel elution, and preparative isoelectric focusing ("Isoprime" machine/technique, Hoefer Scientific). In some cases, two or more of these techniques may be combined to achieve increased purity.

If it is anticipated that the TRIP1 polypeptide will be found primarily in the periplasmic space of the bacteria or the cytoplasm of eukaryotic cells, the contents of the periplasm or cytoplasm, including inclusion bodies (e.g., gram-negative bacteria) if the processed polypeptide has formed such complexes, can be extracted from the host cell using any standard technique known to the skilled artisan. For

example, the host cells can be lysed to release the contents of the periplasm by French press, homogenization, and/or sonication. The homogenate can then be centrifuged.

If the TRIP1 polypeptide has formed inclusion bodies in the periplasm, the inclusion bodies can often bind to the inner and/or outer cellular membranes and thus will be found primarily in the pellet material after centrifugation. The pellet material can then be treated with a chaotropic agent such as guanidine or urea to release, break apart, and solubilize the inclusion bodies. The TRIP1 polypeptide in its now soluble form can then be analyzed using gel electrophoresis, immunoprecipitation or the like. If it is desired to isolate the TRIP1 polypeptide, isolation may be accomplished using standard methods such as those set forth below and in Marston et al. (*Meth. Enz.*, 182:264-275 [1990]).

If TRIP1 polypeptide inclusion bodies are not formed to a significant degree in the periplasm of the host cell, the TRIP1 polypeptide will be found primarily in the supernatant after centrifugation of the cell homogenate, and the TRIP1 polypeptide can be isolated from the supernatant using methods such as those set forth below.

In those situations where it is preferable to partially or completely isolate the TRIP1 polypeptide, purification can be accomplished using standard methods well known to the skilled artisan. Such methods include, without limitation, separation by electrophoresis followed by electroelution, various types of chromatography (immunoaffinity, molecular sieve, and/or ion exchange), and/or high pressure liquid chromatography. In some cases, it may be preferable to use more than one of these methods for complete purification.

In addition to preparing and purifying TRIP1 polypeptide using recombinant DNA techniques, the TRIP1 polypeptides, fragments, and/or derivatives thereof may be prepared by chemical synthesis methods (such as solid phase peptide synthesis) using methods known in the art such as those set forth by Merrifield et al., (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 85:2149 [1964]), Houghten et al. (*Proc Natl Acad. Sci. USA*, 82:5132 [1985]), and Stewart and Young (*Solid Phase Peptide Synthesis*, Pierce Chem Co, Rockford, Ill. [1984]). Such polypeptides may be synthesized with or without a methionine on the amino terminus. Chemically synthesized TRIP1 polypeptides or fragments may be oxidized using methods set forth in these references to form disulfide bridges. The TRIP1 polypeptides or fragments may be employed as biologically active or immunological substitutes for natural, purified TRIP1 polypeptides in therapeutic and immunological processes.

Chemically modified TRIP1 compositions (i.e., "derivatives") where the TRIP1 polypeptide is linked to a polymer ("TRIP1-polymers") are included within the scope of the present invention. The polymer selected is typically water soluble so that the protein to which it is attached does not precipitate in an aqueous environment, such as a physiological environment. The polymer selected is usually modified to have a single reactive group, such as an active ester for acylation or an aldehyde for alkylation, so that the degree of polymerization may be controlled as provided for in the present methods. A preferred reactive aldehyde is polyethylene glycol propionaldehyde, which is water stable, or mono C1-C10 alkoxy or aryloxy derivatives thereof (see U.S. Pat. No. 5,252,714). The polymer may be branched or unbranched. Included within the scope of TRIP1-polymers is a mixture of polymers. Preferably, for therapeutic use of the end-product preparation, the polymer will be pharmaceutically acceptable. The water soluble polymer or mixture

thereof may be selected from the group consisting of, for example, polyethylene glycol (PEG), monomethoxy-polyethylene glycol, dextran, cellulose, or other carbohydrate based polymers, poly-(N-vinyl pyrrolidone) polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol homopolymers, a polypropylene oxide/ethylene oxide co-polymer, polyoxyethylated polyols (e.g., glycerol) and polyvinyl alcohol. For the acylation reactions, the polymer(s) selected should have a single reactive ester group. For reductive alkylation, the polymer(s) selected should have a single reactive aldehyde group. The polymer may be of any molecular weight, and may be branched or unbranched.

Pegylation of TRIP1 may be carried out by any of the pegylation reactions known in the art, as described for example in the following references: Focus on *Growth Factors* 3: 4–10 (1992); EP 0 154 316; and EP 0 401 384. Preferably, the pegylation is carried out via an acylation reaction or an alkylation reaction with a reactive polyethylene glycol molecule (or an analogous reactive water-soluble polymer) as described below.

Pegylation by acylation generally involves reacting an active ester derivative of polyethylene glycol (PEG) with an TRIP1 protein. Any known or subsequently discovered reactive PEG molecule may be used to carry out the pegylation of TRIP1. A preferred activated PEG ester is PEG esterified to N-hydroxysuccinimide (“NHS”). As used herein, “acylation” is contemplated to include without limitation the following types of linkages between TRIP1 and a water soluble polymer such as PEG: amide, carbamate, urethane, and the like, as described in *Bioconjugate Chem.* 5: 133–140 (1994). Reaction conditions may be selected from any of those known in the pegylation art or those subsequently developed, provided that conditions such as temperature, solvent, and pH that would inactivate the TRIP1 species to be modified are avoided.

Pegylation by acylation usually results in a polypegylated TRIP1 product, wherein the lysine ϵ -amino groups are pegylated via an acyl linking group. Preferably, the connecting linkage will be an amide. Also preferably, the resulting product will be at least about 95 percent mono, di- or tri-pegylated. However, some species with higher degrees of pegylation (up to the maximum number of lysine ϵ -amino acid groups of TRIP1 plus one α -amino group at the amino terminus of TRIP1) will normally be formed in amounts depending on the specific reaction conditions used. If desired, more purified pegylated species may be separated from the mixture, particularly unreacted species, by standard purification techniques, including, among others, dialysis, salting-out, ultrafiltration, ion-exchange chromatography, gel filtration chromatography and electrophoresis.

Pegylation by alkylation generally involves reacting a terminal aldehyde derivative of PEG with a protein such as TRIP1 in the presence of a reducing agent. Regardless of the degree of pegylation, the PEG groups are preferably attached to the protein via a $\text{CH}_2\text{—NH—}$ group. With particular reference to the $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$ group, this type of linkage is referred to herein as an “alkyl” linkage.

Derivatization via reductive alkylation to produce a monopegylated product exploits the differential reactivity of different types of primary amino groups (lysine versus the N-terminal) available for derivatization in TRIP1. Typically, the reaction is performed at a pH (see below) which allows one to take advantage of the pK_a differences between the ϵ -amino groups of the lysine residues and that of the α -amino group of the N-terminal residue of the protein. By such selective derivatization, attachment of a water soluble

polymer that contains a reactive group such as an aldehyde, to a protein is controlled: the conjugation with the polymer occurs predominantly at the N-terminus of the protein without significant modification of other reactive groups such as the lysine side chain amino groups. The present invention provides for a substantially homogeneous preparation of TRIP1-monomer protein conjugate molecules (meaning TRIP1 protein to which a polymer molecule has been attached substantially only (i.e., at least about 95%) in a single location on the TRIP1 protein. More specifically, if polyethylene glycol is used, the present invention also provides for pegylated TRIP1 protein lacking possibly antigenic linking groups, and having the polyethylene glycol molecule directly coupled to the TRIP1 protein.

A particularly preferred water-soluble polymer for use herein is polyethylene glycol, abbreviated PEG. As used herein, polyethylene glycol is meant to encompass any of the forms of PEG that have been used to derivatize other proteins, such as mono-(C1–C10) alkoxy- or aryloxy-polyethylene glycol.

In general, chemical derivatization may be performed under any suitable conditions used to react a biologically active substance with an activated polymer molecule. Methods for preparing pegylated TRIP1 will generally comprise the steps of (a) reacting an TRIP1 polypeptide with polyethylene glycol (such as a reactive ester or aldehyde derivative of PEG) under conditions whereby TRIP1 becomes attached to one or more PEG groups, and (b) obtaining the reaction product(s). In general, the optimal reaction conditions for the acylation reactions will be determined based on known parameters and the desired result. For example, the larger the ratio of PEG: protein, the greater the percentage of poly-pegylated product.

Reductive alkylation to produce a substantially homogeneous population of mono-polymer/TRIP1 protein conjugate molecule will generally comprise the steps of: (a) reacting a TRIP1 protein with a reactive PEG molecule under reductive alkylation conditions, at a pH suitable to permit selective modification of the α -amino group at the amino terminus of said TRIP1 protein; and (b) obtaining the reaction product(s).

For a substantially homogeneous population of mono-polymer/TRIP1 protein conjugate molecules, the reductive alkylation reaction conditions are those which permit the selective attachment of the water soluble polymer moiety to the N-terminus of TRIP1. Such reaction conditions generally provide for pK_a differences between the lysine amino groups and the α -amino group at the N-terminus (the pK_a being the pH at which 50% of the amino groups are protonated and 50% are not). The pH also affects the ratio of polymer to protein to be used. In general, if the pH is lower, a larger excess of polymer to protein will be desired (i.e., the less reactive the N-terminal α -amino group, the more polymer needed to achieve optimal conditions). If the pH is higher, the polymer:protein ratio need not be as large (i.e., more reactive groups are available, so fewer polymer molecules are needed). For purposes of the present invention, the pH will generally fall within the range of 3–9, preferably 3–6.

Another important consideration is the molecular weight of the polymer. In general, the higher the molecular weight of the polymer, the fewer number of polymer molecules which may be attached to the protein. Similarly, branching of the polymer should be taken into account when optimizing these parameters. Generally, the higher the molecular weight (or the more branches) the higher the polymer:pro-

tein ratio. In general, for the pegylation reactions contemplated herein, the preferred average molecular weight is about 2 kDa to about 100 kDa (the term "about" indicating ± 1 kDa). The preferred average molecular weight is about 5 kDa to about 50 kDa, particularly preferably about 12 kDa to about 25 kDa. The ratio of water-soluble polymer to TRIP1 protein will generally range from 1:1 to 100:1, preferably (for polypegylation) 1:1 to 20:1 and (for monopegylation) 1:1 to 5:1.

Using the conditions indicated above, reductive alkylation will provide for selective attachment of the polymer of any TRIP1 protein having an α -amino group at the amino terminus, and provide for a substantially homogenous preparation of monopolymer/TRIP1 protein conjugate. The term "monopolymer/TRIP1 protein conjugate" is used here to mean a composition comprised of a single polymer molecule attached to an TRIP1 protein molecule. The monopolymer/TRIP1 protein conjugate preferably will have a polymer molecule located at the N-terminus, but not on lysine amino side groups. The preparation will preferably be greater than 90% monopolymer/TRIP1 protein conjugate, and more preferably greater than 95% monopolymer TRIP1 protein conjugate, with the remainder of observable molecules being unreacted (i.e., protein lacking the polymer moiety). The examples below provide for a preparation which is at least about 90% monopolymer/ protein conjugate, and about 10% unreacted protein. The monopolymer/protein conjugate has biological activity.

For the present reductive alkylation, the reducing agent should be stable in aqueous solution and preferably be able to reduce only the Schiff base formed in the initial process of reductive alkylation. Preferred reducing agents may be selected from the group consisting of sodium borohydride, sodium cyanoborohydride, dimethylamine borane, trimethylamine borane and pyridine borane. A particularly preferred reducing agent is sodium cyanoborohydride.

Other reaction parameters, such as solvent, reaction times, temperatures, etc., and means of purification of products, can be determined based on the published information relating to derivatization of proteins with water soluble polymers.

A mixture of polymer-TRIP1 protein conjugate molecules may be prepared by acylation and/or alkylation methods, as described above, and one may select the proportion of monopolymer/ protein conjugate to include in the mixture. Thus, where desired, a mixture of various protein with various numbers of polymer molecules attached (i.e., di-, tri-, tetra-, etc.) may be prepared and combined with the monopolymer/TRIP1 protein conjugate material prepared using the present methods.

Generally, conditions which may be alleviated or modulated by administration of the present polymer/TRIP1 include those described herein for TRIP1 molecules in general. However, the polymer/TRIP1 molecules disclosed herein may have additional activities, enhanced or reduced activities, or other characteristics, as compared to the non-derivatized molecules.

TRIP1 nucleic acid molecules, fragments, and/or derivatives that do not themselves encode polypeptides that are active in activity assays may be useful as hybridization probes in diagnostic assays to test, either qualitatively or quantitatively, for the presence of TRIP1 DNA or corresponding RNA in mammalian tissue or bodily fluid samples.

TRIP1 polypeptide fragments and/or derivatives that are not themselves active in activity assays may be useful for preparing antibodies to TRIP1 polypeptides.

The TRIP1 polypeptides and fragments thereof, whether or not chemically modified, may be employed alone, or in combination with other pharmaceutical compositions.

The TRIP1 polypeptides and/or fragments thereof may be used to prepare antibodies generated by standard methods. Thus, antibodies that react with the TRIP1 polypeptides, as well as reactive fragments of such antibodies, are also contemplated as within the scope of the present invention. The antibodies may be polyclonal, monoclonal, recombinant, chimeric, single-chain and/or bispecific. Typically, the antibody or fragment thereof will either be of human origin, or will be "humanized", i.e., prepared so as to prevent or minimize an immune reaction to the antibody when administered to a patient. The antibody fragment may be any fragment that is reactive with the TRIP1 of the present invention, such as, F_{ab} , F_{ab}' , etc. Also provided by this invention are the hybridomas generated by presenting TRIP1 or a fragment thereof as an antigen to a selected mammal, followed by fusing cells (e.g., spleen cells) of the mammal with certain cancer cells to create immortalized cell lines by known techniques. The methods employed to generate such cell lines and antibodies directed against all or portions of a human TRIP1 polypeptide of the present invention are also encompassed by this invention.

The antibodies may be used therapeutically, such as to inhibit binding of TRIP1 to telomeres or to telomerase RNA, or to inhibit TRIP1 activity in other ways. The antibodies may further be used for in vivo and in vitro diagnostic purposes, such as in labeled form to detect the presence of the TRIP1 in a body fluid.

Therapeutic Compositions and Administration

Therapeutic compositions of TRIP1 are within the scope of the present invention. Such compositions may comprise a therapeutically effective amount of a TRIP1 polypeptide or fragment thereof (either of which may be chemically modified) in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The carrier material may be water for injection, preferably supplemented with other materials common in solutions for administration to mammals. Typically, a TRIP1 therapeutic compound will be administered in the form of a composition comprising purified TRIP1 polypeptide or fragment (which may be chemically modified) in conjunction with one or more physiologically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents. Neutral buffered saline or saline mixed with serum albumin are exemplary appropriate carriers. Preferably, the product is formulated as a lyophilizate using appropriate excipients (e.g., sucrose). Other standard carriers, diluents, and excipients may be included as desired. Other exemplary compositions comprise Tris buffer of about pH 7.0–8.5, or acetate buffer of about pH 4.0–5.5, which may further include sorbitol or a suitable substitute therefor.

The TRIP1 compositions can be systemically administered parenterally. Alternatively, the compositions may be administered intravenously or subcutaneously. When systemically administered, the therapeutic compositions for use in this invention may be in the form of a pyrogen-free, parenterally acceptable aqueous solution. The preparation of such pharmaceutically acceptable protein solutions, with due regard to pH, isotonicity, stability and the like, is within the skill of the art.

Therapeutic formulations of TRIP1 compositions useful for practicing the present invention may be prepared for storage by mixing the selected composition having the desired degree of purity with optional physiologically acceptable carriers, excipients, or stabilizers (*Remington's*

Pharmaceutical Sciences, 18th edition, A. R. Gennaro, ed., Mack Publishing Company [1990]) in the form of a lyophilized cake or an aqueous solution. Acceptable carriers, excipients or stabilizers are nontoxic to recipients and are preferably inert at the dosages and concentrations employed, and include buffers such as phosphate, citrate, or other organic acids; antioxidants such as ascorbic acid; low molecular weight polypeptides; proteins, such as serum albumin, gelatin, or immunoglobulins; hydrophilic polymers such as polyvinylpyrrolidone; amino acids such as glycine, glutamine, asparagine, arginine or lysine; monosaccharides, disaccharides, and other carbohydrates including glucose, mannose, or dextrans; chelating agents such as EDTA; sugar alcohols such as mannitol or sorbitol; salt-forming counterions such as sodium; and/or nonionic surfactants such as Tween, Pluronic or polyethylene glycol (PEG).

The TRIP1 composition to be used for in vivo administration must be sterile. This is readily accomplished by filtration through sterile filtration membranes. Where the TRIP1 composition is lyophilized, sterilization using these methods may be conducted either prior to, or following, lyophilization and reconstitution. The composition for parenteral administration ordinarily will be stored in lyophilized form or in solution.

Therapeutic compositions generally are placed into a container having a sterile access port, for example, an intravenous solution bag or vial having a stopper pierceable by a hypodermic injection needle.

The route of administration of the composition is in accord with known methods, e.g. oral, injection or infusion by intravenous, intraperitoneal, intracerebral (intraparenchymal), intracerebroventricular, intramuscular, intraocular, intraarterial, or intralesional routes, or by sustained release systems or implantation device which may optionally involve the use of a catheter. Where desired, the compositions may be administered continuously by infusion, bolus injection or by implantation device. Alternatively or additionally, TRIP1 may be administered locally via implantation into the affected area of a membrane, sponge, or other appropriate material on to which TRIP1 polypeptide has been absorbed.

TRIP1 polypeptide may be administered in a sustained release formulation or preparation. Suitable examples of sustained-release preparations include semipermeable polymer matrices in the form of shaped articles, e.g. films, or microcapsules. Sustained release matrices include polyesters, hydrogels, polylactides (U.S. Pat. No. 3,773,919, EP 58,481), copolymers of L-glutamic acid and gamma ethyl-L-glutamate (Sidman et al, *Biopolymers*, 22: 547-556 [1983]), poly (2-hydroxyethyl-methacrylate) (Langer et al., *J. Biomed. Mater. Res.*, 15: 167-277 [1981] and Langer, *Chem. Tech.*, 12: 98-105 [1982]), ethylene vinyl acetate (Langer et al., supra) or poly-D(-)-3-hydroxybutyric acid (EP 133,988). Sustained-release compositions also may include liposomes, which can be prepared by any of several methods known in the art (e.g., DE 3,218,121; Epstein et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 82: 3688-3692 [1985]; Hwang et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 77: 4030-4034 [1980]; EP 52,322; EP 36,676; EP 88,046; EP 143,949).

In other cases, TRIP1 may be delivered through implanting into patients certain cells that have been genetically engineered to express and secrete TRIP1 polypeptide. Such cells may be animal or human cells, and may be derived from the patient's own tissue or from another source, either human or non-human. Optionally, the cells may be immortalized. The cells may be implanted into suitable body tissues or organs of the patient.

An effective amount of the TRIP1 composition(s) to be employed therapeutically will depend, for example, upon the therapeutic objectives such as the indication for which TRIP1 is being used, the route of administration, and the condition of the patient. Accordingly, it will be necessary for the therapist to titer the dosage and modify the route of administration as required to obtain the optimal therapeutic effect. A typical daily dosage may range from about 0.1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ to up to 100 mg/kg or more, depending on the factors mentioned above. Typically, a clinician will administer the TRIP1 composition until a dosage is reached that achieves the desired effect. The TRIP1 composition may therefore be administered as a single dose, or as two or more doses (which may or may not contain the same amount of TRIP1) over time, or as a continuous infusion via implantation device or catheter.

As further studies are conducted, information will emerge regarding appropriate dosage levels for treatment of various conditions in various patients, and the ordinary skilled worker, considering the therapeutic context, the type of disorder under treatment, the age and general health of the recipient, will be able to ascertain proper dosing.

In certain situations, it may be desirable to use gene therapy methods for administration of TRIP1 to patients suffering from HIV infection, AIDS, or other diseases for which TRIP1 is a viable therapeutic agent, such as, for example, premature aging and other aging disorders. In these situations, genomic DNA, cDNA, and/or synthetic DNA encoding TRIP1 or a fragment or variant thereof may be operably linked to a constitutive or inducible promoter (where the promoter may be homologous or heterologous) that is active in the tissue into which the composition will be injected. This construct can then be inserted into a suitable vector such as an adenovirus vector or a retrovirus vector to create a "gene therapy vector". The cells of the patient to be treated (such as, for example, T-cells in AIDS patients) can be removed from the patient, infected with the gene therapy vector using standard transfection procedures for eukaryotic cells, and tested for TRIP1 protein production. Those cells expressing TRIP1 can then be re-introduced into the patient.

Gene therapy methods may also be employed where is desirable to inhibit TRIP1 activity. Here, antisense DNA or RNA with a sequence that is complementary to: (1) full length telomerase RNA, (2) at least the portion of the telomerase RNA that interacts with TRIP1, (3) a portion of the TRIP1 mRNA, or (4) full length TRIP1 mRNA can be prepared, placed into a suitable vector, and transfected into selected cells (previously removed from the patient in an ex vivo manner). The vector is typically selected based on its ability to generate high levels of the anti-sense RNA in conjunction with the host cell's machinery.

Alternatively, gene therapy may be employed to create a dominant-negative inhibitor of TRIP1. In this situation, the DNA encoding a mutant full length or truncated polypeptide of TRIP1 is inserted into a retrovirus or adenovirus, or a comparable vector, and the vector in turn is transfected into the patient's cells in either an ex vivo or in vivo manner. This TRIP1 mutant is designed to (1) compete with endogenous TRIP1 in forming the telomerase complex; and (2) contains one or more insertions, deletions, and/or mutations as compared to wild type TRIP1 such that the telomerase complex is rendered functionally inactive. For example, a TRIP1 truncation mutant in which the portion of the molecule that binds RNA (i.e., approximately amino acids 1-900 of human TRIP1) remains intact, but another portion of TRIP1 such as its telomere binding domain or its protein-protein interaction domain is deleted or otherwise rendered non-functional.

Assays to Screen for Inhibitors of TRIP1

As mentioned above, it would be desirable to inhibit or significantly decrease the level of TRIP1 activity in certain cells such as cancer cells (immortalized cells). Compounds that inhibit TRIP1 activity could be administered either in an *ex vivo* manner, or in an *in vivo* manner by local or iv injection, or by oral delivery, implantation device, or the like. The assays described below provide examples of methods useful for identifying compounds that could inhibit TRIP1 activity.

For ease of reading, the following definition is used herein for describing the assays:

“Test molecule(s)” refers to the molecule(s) that is under evaluation as an inhibitor of TRIP1, either by virtue of its potential ability to block the interaction of TRIP1 with telomerase RNA, or by virtue of its potential ability to block the interaction of TRIP1 with telomere binding proteins, with the telomere itself, or with other polypeptides that comprise the telomerase complex.

A. In Vitro Assays Using Purified Protein

Several types of *in vitro* assays using purified protein may be conducted to identify those compounds that disrupt telomerase activity. Such disruption may be accomplished by a compound that either inhibits the interaction of TRIP1 with the telomeres, or by a compound that inhibits TRIP1 association with telomerase RNA or other protein components of the telomerase enzyme complex.

In one assay, purified TRIP1 protein or a fragment thereof (prepared for example using methods described above) can be immobilized by attachment to the bottom of the wells of a microtiter plate. Radiolabeled telomerase RNA, as well as the test molecule(s) can then be added either one at a time or simultaneously to the wells. After incubation, the wells can be washed and counted using a scintillation counter for radioactivity to determine the degree of TRIP1/telomerase RNA binding in the presence of the test molecule. Typically, the molecule will be tested over a range of concentrations, and a series of control “wells” lacking one or more elements of the test assays can be used for accuracy in evaluating the results. A variation of this assay involves attaching the telomerase RNA to the wells, and adding radiolabeled TRIP1 along with the test molecule to the wells. After incubation and washing, the wells can be counted for radioactivity.

Several means other than radiolabelling are available to “mark” the TRIP1 or telomerase RNA. For example, TRIP1 protein can be radiolabelled using ¹²⁵I. Alternatively, a fusion protein of TRIP1 wherein the DNA encoding TRIP1 is fused to the coding sequence of a peptide such as the c-myc epitope. TRIP1-myc fusion protein can readily be detected with commercially available antibodies directed against myc.

Telomerase RNA can be labeled by synthesizing it with radiolabelled nucleotides such as ³²-P ATP, and the level of radioactivity can then be measured by scintillation counting. Alternatively, the RNA can be labeled using biotin, digoxigenin, or a comparable compound.

An alternative to microtiter plate type of binding assays comprises immobilizing either TRIP1 or telomerase RNA on agarose beads, acrylic beads or other types of such inert substrates. The inert substrate containing the RNA or TRIP1 can be placed in a solution containing the test molecule along with the complementary component (either RNA or TRIP1) which has been radiolabeled or fluorescently labeled; after incubation, the inert substrate can be precipitated by centrifugation, and the amount of binding between

TRIP1 and RNA can be assessed using the methods described above. Alternatively, the insert substrate complex can be immobilized in a column and the test molecule and complementary component passed over the column. Formation of the TRIP1/RNA complex can then be assessed using any of the techniques set forth above, i.e., radiolabeling, antibody binding, or the like.

Another type of *in vitro* assay that is useful for identifying a molecule to inhibit TRIP1 activity is the Biacore assay system (Pharmacia, Piscataway, N.J.) using a surface plasmon resonance detector system and following the manufacturer’s protocol. This assay essentially involves covalent binding of either TRIP1 or telomerase RNA to a dextran-coated sensor chip which is located in a detector. The test molecule and the complementary component can then be injected into the chamber containing the sensor chip either simultaneously or sequentially, and the amount of binding of TRIP1/RNA can be assessed based on the change in molecular mass which is physically associated with the dextran-coated side of the of the sensor chip; the change in molecular mass can be measured by the detector system.

One other assay useful for evaluating test molecule disruption of the TRIP1/RNA complex is the gel shift assay. Here, TRIP1, telomerase RNA, and the test molecule can be incubated together. Typically, the RNA is radiolabelled using standard radioisotopes for nucleic acids (such as ³²-P ATP). After incubation, the samples can be run on a non-denaturing acrylamide gel where the acrylamide concentration is about 4–6 percent. The migration pattern of telomerase RNA on the gel can then be evaluated. Where the TRIP1/RNA complex is intact during electrophoresis (even after treatment with the test molecule) migration will be slowed due to the increased molecular weight of the complex. If, however, the test molecule has sufficiently disrupted the TRIP1/RNA complex, telomerase RNA will migrate in a manner comparable to control (untreated) telomerase RNA. Migration can be detected by autoradiography.

In some cases, it may be desirable to evaluate two or more test molecules together for use in decreasing or inhibiting TRIP1 activity. In these cases, the assays set forth above can be readily modified by adding such additional test molecule (s) either simultaneously with, or subsequently to, the first test molecule. The remainder of steps in the assay can be as set forth above.

B. In Vitro Assays Using Cultured Cells

Cultures of immortalized cells (either normal mammalian cells that have spontaneously gained the ability to replicate indefinitely, normal mammalian cells transformed with oncogenes, or mammalian cells derived from tumors) can be used to evaluate test molecules for TRIP1 inhibition. The immortalized cells can be obtained from any mammal, but preferably will be from human or other primate, canine, or rodent sources.

In one type of cell culture assay, the immortalized cells can be cultured in standard medium such as DMEM, alpha-MEM, or RPMI. Typically, the medium would contain up to about ten percent (v:v) of fetal calf serum. Incubation is typically conducted for 1–5 days. After this incubation, the test molecule or molecules can be added, and the cells incubated for a period of 1–7 days, allowing for 3–8 cell cycles. After washing the cells to remove any residual test molecule, the cells can be harvested and telomerase activity analyzed in an *in vitro* assay such as the TRAP assay (Kim et al, supra) or the TRF assay (Harley et al., 1990, supra). Inhibition may be manifested by a decrease in telomere length, telomerase activity, or both. For example, two known reverse transcriptase inhibitors, dideoxy GTP and AZT, have

been shown to cause a decrease in telomere length in immortalized cells and a decrease in telomerase activity in vitro (Strahl et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.*, 16:53–65 [1996]).

In another cell assay, human immortalized cells can be transfected with a DNA construct encoding either full length TRIP1 or a truncated version of TRIP1. After transfection, the cells could be incubated for a period of time, after which telomerase activity could be assessed using the TRAP assay, and telomere length assayed by the TRF or other suitable assay.

The following examples are intended for illustration purposes only, and should not be construed as limiting the scope of the invention in any way.

EXAMPLES

1. Molecular Cloning of Murine TRIP1 cDNA

Standard methods for library preparation, DNA cloning, and protein expression are set forth in Sambrook et al., (*Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laborite Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. [1989]).

A cDNA library was constructed using RNA purified from adult murine colonic crypt cells. mRNA was isolated from a membrane bound polysomal fraction of RNA (Mechler et al., *Meth, Enz.*, 152:241–248 [1987]). The poly(A+) mRNA fraction was isolated from the total RNA preparation using the FastTrac mRNA Isolation Kit (Invitrogen, San Diego, Calif.) according to the manufacturer's recommended procedure. First strand cDNA was generated by reverse transcribing the RNA using random hexanucleotides (RediPrime kit, Amersham, Arlington Heights, Ill.).

A random primed cDNA library was prepared from the first strand cDNA using the Superscript Plasmid System (Gibco BRL, Gaithersburg, Md.). A random cDNA primer containing an internal NotI restriction site was used to initiate first strand synthesis and had the following double strand sequence:

CCTCTGCGGCCGCTACANNNNNNNT (SEQ ID NO: 5)

GGAGACGCCGGCGA' (SEQ ID NO: 6)

The first strand cDNA synthesis reaction was assembled using 1 μ g of the mRNA and 150 ng of the Not1 random primer. After second strand synthesis, the reaction products were extracted with the phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol mixture and ethanol precipitated. The double strand (ds) cDNA products were ligated to the following ds oligonucleotide adapter (Gibco BRL):

TCGACCCACGCGTCCG (SEQ ID NO: 7)

GGGTGCGCAGGC (SEQ ID NO: 8)

After ligation the cDNA was digested to completion with Not1, extracted with phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1 ratio) and ethanol precipitated. The resuspended cDNA was then size fractionated by gel filtration using the premade columns provided with the Superscript Plasmid System (Gibco BRL) as recommended by the manufacturer. The fractions containing the largest cDNA products were ethanol precipitated and then directionally ligated into Not1 and Sal1 digested pMOB vector DNA (Strathmann et. al. *Science* 252:802–808 [1991]). The ligated cDNA was introduced into electrocompetent XL1-Blue *E. coli* (Stratagene, LaJolla, Calif.) by electroporation. The library was termed cml.

Approximately 20,000 colonies from the library were picked and arrayed into 96 well microtiter plates containing about 200 μ l of L-broth, 7.5% glycerol, 50 μ g/ml ampicillin and 12.5 μ g/ml tetracycline. The cultures were grown overnight at 37° C., a duplicate set of microtiter plates were made using a sterile 96 pin replicating tool, and both sets were stored at –80° C. for further analysis.

To sequence random cDNA clones from this library, sequencing template was prepared by PCR amplification of cloned cDNA inserts using vector primers. Glycerol stocks of cDNA clones were thawed, and small aliquots were diluted 1:25 in distilled water. Approximately 3.0 μ l of diluted bacterial cultures were added to PCR reaction mixture (Boehringer-Mannheim) containing the following oligonucleotides:

TGTAACACGACGGCCAGT (SEQ ID NO: 9)

CAGGAAACAGCTATGACC (SEQ ID NO: 10)

The reactions were incubated in a thermocycler (Perkin-Elmer 9600) with the following cycle conditions: 94° C. for 2 minutes; 94° C. for 5 seconds, 50° C. for 5 seconds and 72° C. for 3 minutes for 30 cycles and then a final extension at 72° C. for 4 minutes. After incubation in the thermocycler, the reactions were diluted with about 2.0 ml of water. The amplified DNA fragments were further purified using Centricon columns (Princeton Separations) using the manufacturer's recommended procedures. In some instances, low primer and deoxynucleoside triphosphate concentrations were used in the amplification reactions, and in those instances, Centricon purification was not necessary. The PCR reaction products were sequenced on an Applied Biosystems 373A automated DNA sequencer using T3 primer:

CAATTAACCCTCACTAAAG (SEQ ID NO: 11)

Taq dye-terminator reactions (Applied Biosystems) were conducted following the manufacturer's recommended procedures.

A search of six way translated DNA sequences from these clones was performed to isolate clones that conformed to the following criteria:

1. Potential signal peptide: Translated sequences contain the following: a methionine followed by one to three positively charged residues followed by 6–15 hydrophobic residues followed by 1–2 charged residues, followed by an open reading frame of at least residues.

2. Predicted alpha helical structure. The open reading frame contains sequences that are predicted to contain at least 30% alpha helix as assayed by the Robson/Garnier algorithm contained in the software program Macvector 4.5.

3. Leucine content. The open reading frame contains at least 10% Leucine residues.

4. Cysteine content. The open reading frame contains at least one but not more than 7 cysteine residues.

5. Lack of transmembrane domain. The open reading frame does not contain a sequence of 15–25 consecutive hydrophobic or uncharged residues.

One clone meeting all of these criteria, cm1-85-g3, was selected for further characterization. To identify additional sequence of this clone, a search of clones obtained from a mouse colon tissue cDNA library (prepared essentially as described above) using cm1-85-g3 as a probe resulted in the identification of clone cm3-1-e4, which had overlapping (homologous) sequence with cm1-85-g3, and contained additional 3' sequence, including a 3' termination codon. Clone cm1-85-g3 was about 1322 base pairs (bp) in length, and clone cm3-1-e4 was about 6.9 kb. To obtain the 5' portion of the coding region, PCR amplification was performed using an antisense oligonucleotide corresponding to the 5' end of the cm1-85-g3 clone and an oligonucleotide corresponding to a portion of the pMOB vector polylinker sequence. The template for this PCR reaction was 96 DNA samples. Each sample was prepared by first plating the entire cml library at a density of about 10,000 clones on 96 15 cm plates. After culturing, each plate was scraped and the resultant pooled bacteria containing the clones was prepared as a glycerol stock. DNA was prepared from a portion of

each pool, and 1–3 μ l of each DNA sample was then added to the individual wells.

PCR conditions were: 30 cycles, 94° C. for 20 seconds; 50° C. for 10 seconds, and 72° C. for 30 seconds. Samples were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis.

A PCR fragment of about 1.5 kb was isolated from one of the PCR reactions, and was sequenced. A search of various databases with this PCR fragment resulted in the identification of a homologous sequence termed *bmst2-15-g6*. This clone was sequenced in its entirety, and was found to contain a methionine preceded by several stop codons, indicating a translation start site for the gene.

The three clones *cm1-85-g3*, *cm3-1-e4* and *bmst2-15-g6* overlapped to form a contiguous sequence of about 8159 bp in length. Within this sequence was an open reading frame of about 7887 bp comprising about 2629 amino acids.

A FASTA search of this open reading frame against all translated DNA sequences in the Genbank DNA Repository revealed a homology to the *Tetrahymena telomerase* P80 subunit. Several significant stretches of amino acid homology were found across this *Tetrahymena* amino acid sequence. One of these regions showed about 46 percent identity over a 90 amino acid length of the *Tetrahymena telomerase* P80 subunit. Due to its homology with *Tetrahymena telomerase*, this gene was called murine telomerase RNA interacting protein 1 (“TRIP1”).

2. Cloning of Human TRIP1 Gene

The human homolog for the murine TRIP1 gene was identified by screening a cDNA library constructed using RNA from the human colon tumor cell line LIM1863 (Whitehead et al., *Cancer Res.*, 47:2704–2713 [1987]). Total RNA was isolated and the poly(A+) mRNA fraction was obtained using the FastTrac mRNA Isolation Kit (Invitrogen, San Diego, Calif.) according to the manufacturer’s recommended procedure. First strand cDNA was generated by reverse transcribing the RNA using random hexanucleotides (RediPrime kit, Amersham, Arlington Heights, Ill.).

A random primed cDNA library was prepared from the first strand cDNA using the Superscript Plasmid System (Gibco BRL, Gaithersburg, Md.). A random cDNA primer containing an internal NotI restriction site was used to initiate first strand synthesis. This primer had the double strand sequence as set forth above for SEQ ID NO:5 and SEQ ID NO:6.

The first strand cDNA synthesis reaction was assembled using 1 μ g of the mRNA and 150 ng of the NotI random primer. After second strand synthesis, the reaction products were extracted with the phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol mixture and ethanol precipitated. The double strand (ds) cDNA products were ligated to a double strand oligonucleotide adapter with the sequence set forth above for SEQ ID NO:7 and SEQ ID NO:8.

After ligation, the cDNA was digested to completion with NotI, extracted with phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1 ratio) and ethanol precipitated. The resuspended cDNA was then size fractionated by gel filtration using the premade columns provided with the Superscript Plasmid System (Gibco/BRL) as recommended by the manufacturer. The fractions containing the largest cDNA products were ethanol precipitated and then directionally ligated into NotI and SalI digested pSPORT vector (Gibco/BRL, Grand Island, N.Y.). The ligated cDNA was introduced into electrocompetent XL1-Blue *E. coli* (Stratagene, LaJolla, Calif.) by electroporation.

The cDNA library was arrayed by plating the entire library at a density of about 10,000 clones per plate on 96 15

cm Petri plates. After incubation, each plate was scraped, and the resultant pooled bacteria was prepared as a glycerol stock. DNA was prepared from an aliquot of each pool, digested with NotI, electrophoresed on a 1% agarose gel and transferred to a charged nylon membrane for Southern blotting. Each of the 96 lanes on the gel thus contained about 10,000 cDNA clones. An approximately 500 bp BamHI/HindIII fragment of clone *cm1-85-g3* was random prime labeled using standard methods and hybridized to the Southern blot. Hybridization was conducted at 50° C. for at least two hours using Rapid Hyb buffer (Amersham, Arlington Heights, Ill.) and following the manufacturer’s protocol. About ten percent of the samples hybridized to the probe. Lanes corresponding to DNA pools 54, 58 and 87 contained the largest inserts, and so these were selected for further analysis.

Glycerol stocks of bacteria containing the indicated pooled clones were plated directly on to nitrocellulose filters covering agar plates, grown for several hours at 30° C., lysed, and hybridized to the *cm1-85-g3* 500 bp random primed probe. Hybridization conditions were as above using Rapid Hyb buffer. Positive clones were picked and rescreened to isolate single clones from each stock. The three selected clones, called 54, 58, and 87, contained significant overlapping sequence with each other. To identify additional 5' sequence for the human TRIP1 gene, the largest of the three clones, clone 54, was used to generate one antisense oligonucleotide positioned near its 5' end for a PCR primer. The second PCR primer corresponded to the PSPORT vector. The templates for PCR were the same 96 well pools described above. PCR conditions were: 30 cycles, 94° C. for 20 seconds; 50° C. for 10 seconds, and 72° C. for 30 seconds. Samples were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis using the antisense oligonucleotide together with an oligonucleotide sequence found in the PSPORT polylinker.

An approximately 1.5 kbp band was identified in pool 96. This pool was then plated and screened as above except that the filters were hybridized at 60° C. using Rapid Hyb buffer as above for at least two hours. The probe was an antisense oligonucleotide to the 5' end of clone 54, and was radiolabeled at the 5' end using standard methods as follows. About 170 ng of the probe was incubated at about 37° C. for about one hour in a solution containing about 200 μ Ci of 32-P labeled ATP (Amersham, Arlington Heights, Ill.) and about 20 U of Polynucleotide Kinase (Boehringer Mannheim, Indianapolis, Ind.), using a buffer provided by the manufacturer. Radiolabeled oligonucleotide was separated from unincorporated nucleotide by centrifugation through a G25 Quickspin column (Boehringer Mannheim) according to the manufacturer’s protocol.

To identify the 3' region of the human TRIP1 gene, a sense oligonucleotide corresponding to the 3' end of clone 54 and an oligonucleotide sequence corresponding to the PSPORT polylinker were used in a PCR reaction. The same 96 well pools were used as a template for PCR reactions.

PCR conditions were: 30 cycles, 94° C. for 20 seconds; 55° C. for 10 seconds, and 72° C. for 30 seconds. Samples were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis.

A 3 kb PCR product was identified from DNA pool 63. This pool was then plated and screened as above. The probe for this reaction was a sense oligonucleotide to the 3' end of clone 54 which was radiolabeled at the 5' end using standard methods. Two colonies containing DNA clones which strongly hybridized to the probe were identified then sequenced in their entirety. These clones were termed 96 and 63.

To identify the remaining 3' portion of the coding sequence, another round of PCR was conducted. Here, the

primers used were (1) a sense oligonucleotide to the 3' end of clone 63 and (2) an oligonucleotide corresponding to the SP6 of the PSPORT vector. PCR conditions were: 30 cycles, 94° C. for 20 seconds; 55° C. for 10 seconds, and 72° C. for 30 seconds. The templates for PCR were the same 96 well pools. Samples were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis. An approximately 200 bp fragment was identified in pool 15. This pool was then plated and screened as above by hybridizing the filters with a radiolabeled probe. The probe for this reaction was a sense oligonucleotide to the 3' end of clone 63 which was radiolabeled at the 5' end using standard methods. This clone, clone 15, was sequenced in its entirety and was found to possess a termination codon.

3. Murine TRIP1 Protein Preparation

A truncated version of murine TRIP1 protein encoding amino acids 1–871 was prepared as follows. The DNA encoding this region was obtained by PCR using the following two oligonucleotides: (1) an oligonucleotide encoding a Sall restriction site followed by the first six amino acids of murine TRIP1 and (2) an oligonucleotide corresponding to amino acids 866–871 followed by a TAG stop codon and a Sall restriction site. The template for this reaction were clones cm1-85-g3, cm3-1-e4 and bmst2-15-g6. PCR reactions were 15 cycles, 94° C. for 20 seconds, 55° C. for 10 seconds, and 72° C. for 30 seconds.

This reaction resulted in a band of approximately 2.6 kb on an agarose gel. This band was purified from the gel, digested with Sall and cloned into the XhoI site of the vector pCR3MycTag. pCR3MycTag was prepared as follows. The vector pCR3 (Invitrogen, San Diego, Calif.) was digested with KpnI and XhoI. A nucleic acid molecule encoding two copies of the c-myc epitope and an initiation Methionine was inserted into pCR3. The sequence of this insert is set forth below as SEQ ID NO:12. The resulting plasmid containing the TRIP1 insert (cDNA encoding amino acids 1–871) was termed pCR3MycTag2.

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A second plasmid, pCR3MycTag3, which contained the CDNA encoding full length murine TRIP1, was prepared as follows. The plasmid pCR3MycTag2 was digested with EcoRI and XbaI (which served to delete the CDNA encoding amino acids 816–871 from the vector), and an XbaI/Sall linker was ligated into the digested plasmid. An EcoRI/Sall fragment 5.4 of clone cm3-1-e4 (corresponding to amino acids 816 to 2627 of murine TRIP1) was ligated into the vector. The resulting plasmid, pCR3MycTag3, has the following components (from 5' to 3'): an initiation codon, two c-myc epitopes, and the full length murine TRIP1 cDNA.

Full length and truncated (amino acids 1–871) murine TRIP1 protein was prepared as follows. Plasmid DNA from pCR3MycTag2 and pCR3MycTag3 was transfected into murine neuroblastoma N2A cells (American Type Culture Collection, catalog no. CCL131) by lipofection using the Perfect Lipid Transfection kit (Invitrogen, San Diego, Calif.). These cells are commonly used for transient and stable expression of foreign proteins. About 24 hours prior to transfection, the cells were seeded at about 700,000 per 100 mm dish in DMEM plus ten percent fetal calf serum, and PSG (penicillin, streptomycin, and glutamine). For lipofection, the cells were placed in about 6 ml of Optimem I reduced serum medium (Gibco/BRL, Grand Island, N.Y.) and about 174 µg of Pfx-6 (Invitrogen) and 29 µg of DNA

were added. The cells were incubated for about 4 hours after which time the medium was replaced with fresh DMEM, fetal calf serum, and PSG medium as described above. The cells were harvested after about 24 hours, and were lysed using a Qiagen shredder (Qiagen, Chatsworth, Calif.) according to the manufacturer's protocol. Protein lysates were electrophoresed by 6 percent SDS-PAGE, transferred to a nylon membrane using standard methods, and incubated with a mouse monoclonal anti-myc antibody (Oncogene Research Products, Cambridge, Mass.). Binding of the anti-myc antibody was detected with a HRP-conjugated secondary antibody, and the complex was visualized using ECL (Amersham, Arlington Heights, Ill.) following the manufacturer's protocol. Cells transfected with the vector containing the TRIP1 truncated cDNA showed a prominent band of about 97 kD (corresponding to a polypeptide of about 871 amino acids), while cells transfected with the vector containing full length TRIP1 showed a prominent band of about 280 kD (corresponding to a polypeptide of about 2625 amino acids). These results indicated that TRIP1 truncated or full length protein was expressed in the cells.

4. Murine TRIP1 RNA-Binding Assay

To determine whether mTRIP1 had a specific interaction with the RNA molecule known to be mouse telomerase RNA, the three hybrid assay as described by SenGupta et al. (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA*, 93:8496–8501 [1996]) was used. The starting plasmid described by SenGupta et al., pMS2-2, was altered by inserting, using standard ligation methods, a DNA encoding the full length mouse telomerase RNA transcript (mTR; Blasco et al., *Science*, 269:1267–1270 [1995]) into the SmaI polylinker site of pMS2-2 in the same orientation as the two MS2 DNA sequences at the 3' end of the polylinker region. (The RNA molecules α-mTR, TLC1, IRE and the mutant mTR molecules, all described in Table I below, were constructed in this same manner; U2, U4, and U6 were similarly tagged with the MS2 hairpins, but were inserted into a different URA3 selectable yeast plasmid, pRS316 [Sikorski et al., *Genetics*, 122:19–27, 1989]).

After this ligation, the resultant plasmid was digested with EcoRI, and the approximately 700 base pair (bp) fragment containing 5' to 3', mTR and the two MS2 DNA sequences, was isolated by standard agarose gel purification methods. This 700 bp fragment was then inserted into plasmid pII-IEx426 (SenGupta et al., supra) which had been previously digested with EcoRI. This plasmid was referred to as pIII-mTR.

A second plasmid was also prepared as follows. The starting plasmid was pACTII (Legrain et al., *Nuc. Acids Res.*, 22:3241–3242 [1994]). pACTII was first digested with the enzyme BamHI, and the ends were blunted using T4 DNA polymerase. An SspI/XbaI fragment of plasmid pCR3MycTag2 (see above) was isolated using standard gel purification methods and blunt ended using T4 DNA polymerase. This fragment, which was about 2739 bp, contained 126 bp (42 amino acids) of vector sequence at the 5' end and the first 871 amino acids of mTRIP1. The fragment was inserted into the BamHI digested pACTII, and the resultant plasmid was referred to as pACTII/MTRIP1-S/X.

Plasmids pACTII/MTRIP1-S/X and pIII-mTR were introduced into yeast cells (strain L40-coat; SenGupta et al., supra) which had been cultured in standard yeast media (YEPD; Sherman et al., *Meth. Yeast Genet.*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. [1983]). Introduction (also referred to as transformation) of the plasmids was accomplished using standard methods such as those described by Chen et al. (*Curr. Genet.*, 21:83–84

[1992]). Co-transformants (i.e., those yeast cells that contained both introduced plasmids) were selected by culturing the cells on yeast agar plates lacking leucine and uracil (SD-ura-leu; Sherman et al., supra) for two days at about 30° C. Eight separate, randomly selected colonies of cells that grew on these plates were repatched on fresh SD-ura-leu plates, and incubated as above. A small portion of each colony was plated on to yeast agar plates lacking uracil, leucine, histidine, and containing 5–20 mM 3-aminotriazole (Sigma, ST. Louis, Mo.), and the plates were incubated 3 days at about 30° C., after which time the number of colonies that grew (out of a total of eight) was assessed.

The results are shown in Table II below.

TABLE II

RNA	PROTEIN	INTERACTION		
		5 mM	10 mM	20 mM
mTR	mTRIP1	8/8	8/8	8/8
mTR-1	mTRIP1	8/8	8/8	8/8
mTR-3	mTRIP1	8/8	8/8	8/8
mTR-27	mTRIP1	8/8	8/8	8/8
U2	mTRIP1	0/8	0/8	0/8
U4	mTRIP1	0/8	0/8	0/8
U6	mTRIP1	0/8	0/8	0/8
TLC1	mTRIP1	0/8	0/8	0/8
α-mTR	mTRIP1	0/8	0/8	0/8
mTR-1	IRP	0/8	0/8	0/8
IRE	IRP	8/8	8/8	8/8
IRE	mTRIP1	7/8	7/8	7/8
MS2	mTRIP1	7/8	6/8	5/8

In Table II, the column labeled “RNA” refers to the MS2 tagged RNA molecules that were tested. mTR is wild type mouse telomerase RNA; mTR-1 is a substitution mutant of mTR and contains a T instead of a C at position 142 (relative to the transcription start site; see Blasco et al. supra), a C instead of a G at position 202, and an A instead of a G at position 227; mTR-3 contains an A instead of a G at position 272 and is also an insertion mutant of mTR in which two nucleotides, A and G, were inserted after nucleotide 268 in the mTR transcript (Blasco et al., supra); mTR-27 is a substitution mutant of mTR that contains an A instead of a G at position 33; U2, U4, and U6 are snRNAs (Ares, *Cell*, 47:44–59 [1986]; Tollervey et al., *Cell*, 35:753–762 [1983]; Brow et al., *Nature*, 334:213–218 [1988]); TLC1 is the yeast

telomerase RNA gene (Singer et al., *Science*, 266:404–409 [1994]); α-mTR is the mTR sequence cloned in the anti-sense direction relative to the MS2 hairpins; IRE is the rat iron regulatory element RNA (Fields et al., supra); and MS2 refers to the MS2 hairpins without additional RNA attached.

The column labeled “Protein” refers to proteins that were co-introduced along with the test RNA molecules to evaluate RNA-protein interaction in the three hybrid assay. “mTRIP1” is the amino terminal fragment of the mTRIP1 gene and consists of the amino terminal 871 amino acids of the protein; and IRP is the iron regulatory element binding protein (SenGupta et al., supra).

The column labeled “Interaction” refers to the concentration (5, 10, or 20 mM) of 3-aminotriazole on the yeast agar plates.

The number of colonies of out a total of eight that showed detectable growth after 3 days is indicated for each RNA/protein pair. As can be seen, the mouse telomerase RNA, whether wild type or mutant, specifically interacted with mTRIP1. With the exception of IRE, the other RNA molecules, U2, U4, U6, TLC1, and α-mTR, did not interact with mTRIP1. MS2 alone interacted with mTRIP1 to some degree at low concentrations of 3-aminotriazole. Specificity of binding of mTR was further confirmed by demonstrating that IRP, which is known to interact with IRE (and was therefore used as a positive control), did not interact with mTR-1.

Deposit of TRIP1 cDNA

E. coli cells containing the plasmid pCR3 with the insert TRIP1 MycTag3 (encoding mouse full length TRIP1 polypeptide) has been deposited with the ATCC (American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Va., USA) on Nov. 8, 1996 as accession number 98250. In addition, four separate clones of *E. coli* cells containing the plasmid pSPORT into which a portion of the human TRIP1 cDNA coding sequence were deposited with the ATCC on the same date. Clone 15 contains CDNA encoding amino acids 1046–2627 and has ATCC accession number 98254; clone 54 contains cDNA encoding amino acids 423–1467 and has ATCC accession number 98253; clone 63 contains CDNA encoding amino acids 1346–2488 and has ATCC accession number 98252; and clone 96 contains CDNA encoding amino acids 1–567 and has ATCC accession number 98251.

SEQUENCE LISTING

(1) GENERAL INFORMATION:

(iii) NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 12

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- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

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- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

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 1860 1865 1870

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- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
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- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

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We claim:

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a telomerase RNA binding protein, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a nucleic acid molecule that is the complement of a nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2 under high stringency conditions of 0.2×SSC and 0.1 percent SDS at 55–65° C.;
- (b) the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- (c) the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO: 2; and
- (d) a nucleic acid molecule having at least 90% identity with the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2 over the full length of said sequence.

2. An isolated nucleic acid molecule that is the complement of a nucleic acid that hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2 under high stringency conditions of 0.2×SSC and 0.1 percent SDS at 55–65° C., wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule encodes a telomerase RNA binding protein.

3. A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim

1.

4. A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim

2.

5. A host cell comprising the vector of claim 3.

6. A host cell comprising the vector of claim 4.

7. A process of producing a telomerase RNA binding protein comprising the steps of:

(a) expressing the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 in a suitable host to synthesize a telomerase RNA binding protein; and

(b) isolating the telomerase RNA binding protein.

8. An isolated nucleic acid molecule that is the complement of the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.

9. An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a telomerase RNA binding protein wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule has at least 90% identity with the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2 over the full length of said sequence.

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